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## Profile reveals low scores

By DEBBIE BACON  
NEWS EDITOR

Results from the Coordinating Board for Higher Education's Academic Profile show Northwest seniors are falling behind those at other public four-year institutions.

Currently Northwest students are required to take the Academic Profile, which tests knowledge in divisions of general education, the semester they achieve senior status, said David Oehler director of assessment, information and analysis.

He said since 1989 institutions of higher education have been required to report on the progress of students to the CBHE, which is a division of the Department of Higher Education.

Results from fall '99 show 95 percent of Northwest students required to take

the test, did so, with only 49 percent of them scoring at or above the 50th percentile.

However, this is up from spring '98 when the scores bottomed out with only 39.6 percent of those tested scoring at or above the 50th percentile.

At that time, Oehler said a plan of action for improvement was implemented.

He said he did not feel the graduates were having trouble getting jobs.

Oehler said the first step taken was to report to individual departments. Departments were given a breakdown of how each major was doing.

Then departments were told who was taking the test, so professors could emphasize the importance of their performance on the Academic Profile.

The final step was made by faculty

in requesting test scores by department so trends could be determined.

"Just that in itself has made a big difference," Oehler said.

An additional incentive was offered this year, Oehler said. Students who performed at or above the 50th percentile were entered into a drawing for 15 hours of paid undergraduate in-state tuition. Oehler said this equals approximately \$1,500.

The incentive was offered as a pilot to see if it yielded higher test scores, Oehler said.

"We've had three straight semesters of improvement," Oehler said.

Oehler said the test results are important because people all around the state look at them.

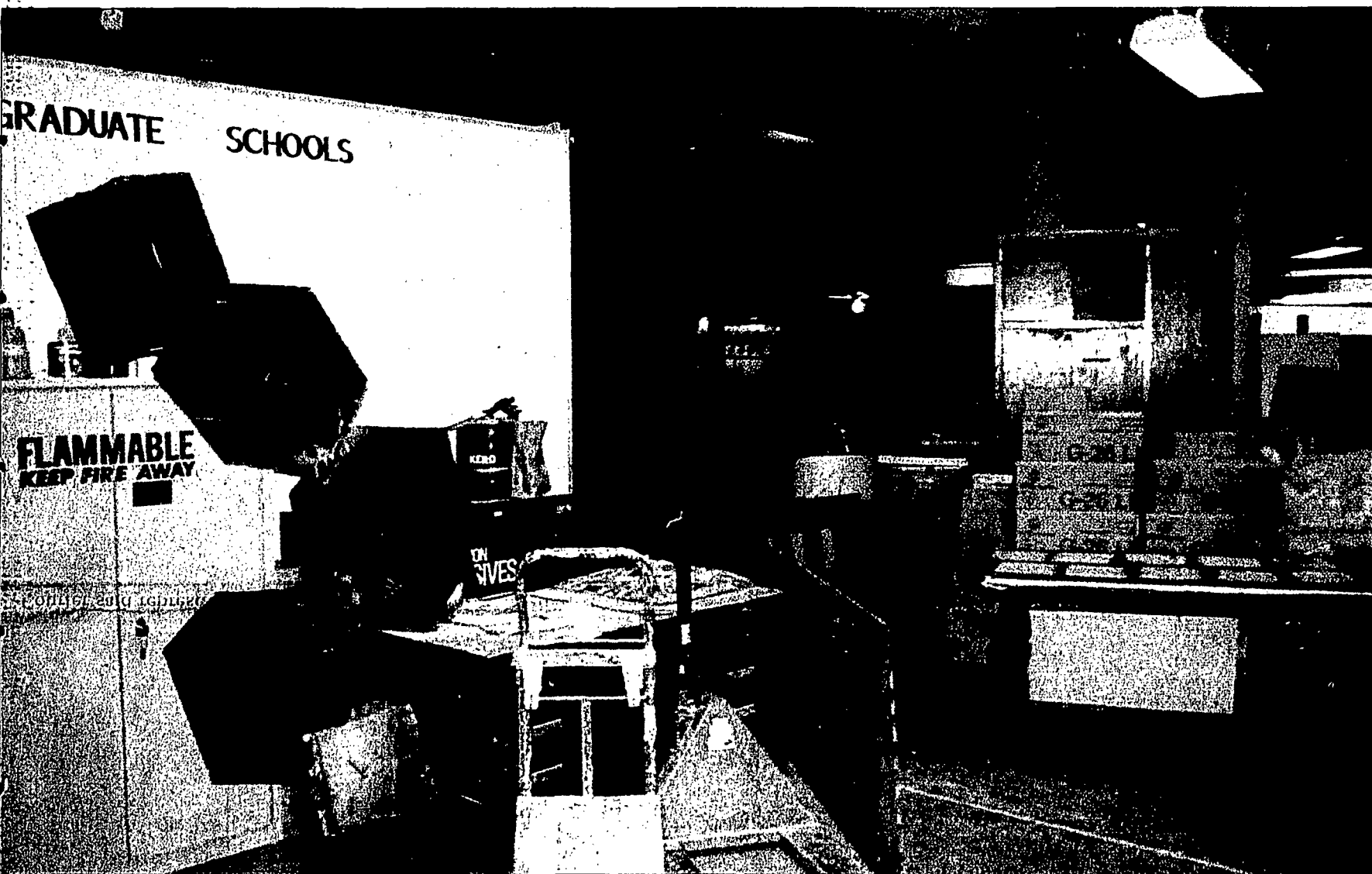
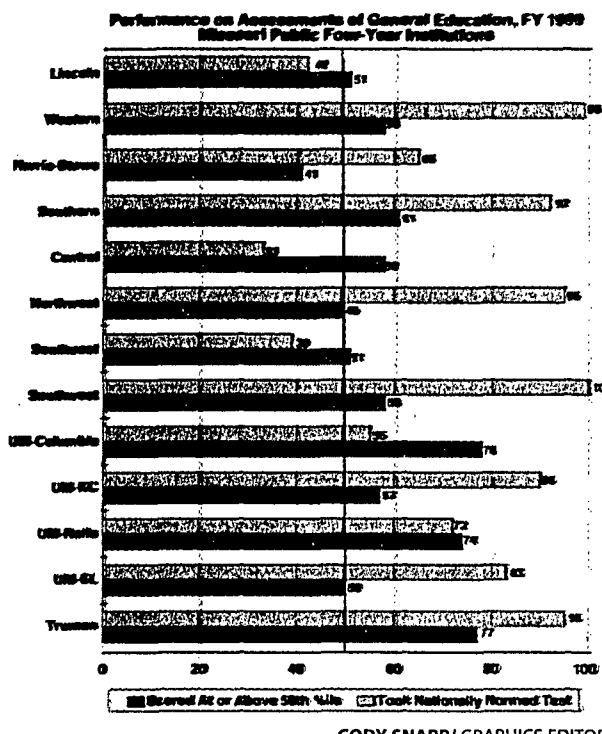
"We want to have data that makes the student look good so the degree is

valued," Oehler said.

Oehler is getting ready to make a proposal to the Faculty Senate Assessment Committee and the General Education Advisory Group for the test to be given in either the sophomore or junior year.

Oehler said the primary reason behind his proposal is because seniors do not have much time to do anything with the results. He thinks taking the test during the sophomore or junior year will allow feedback to be utilized by the student and adviser, so if the student needs to work on something it can be fixed by graduation.

Another option is to switch the type of tests used. Currently seniors take an hour long test instead of the two and half hour version, which offers the student feedback in specific skill areas.



Arts supplies and various equipment clutter the basement of the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building. The building would be completely remodeled and a 10,000-square-foot addition would be made to house the kilns and other equipment. The building is in need of changes

in the areas of piping, plumbing, and electrical wiring. Improvements to the theater and stage area will also be made in addition to new music and art studio equipment. There will also be technology upgrades to all of the classrooms.

PHOTO BY JOHN PETROVIC/ PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

## Fine Arts Building reaches priority list for funding

By DEBBIE BACON  
NEWS EDITOR

Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan has placed the proposed renovations to the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building at the top of his priority list for higher education project recommendations for the state.

"We're real pleased to have them recognize how important this project is," said Ray Courter, vice president of finance and support services.

Carnahan's recommendations were given in January and the House and Senate will deliberate them February through April.

The final decisions will be made when an appropriation bill is passed in May.

Courter said representatives and senators are currently conducting hearings and having people testify in regards to project recommendations.

"I think it's the quality of the proposal that made it attractive," Courter said. "We've done a lot of homework."

He said the proposal presented to the state involved faculty, staff, architects and students.

He said the educational perspective is at the heart of the proposal, because classrooms and styles are outdated and inefficient.

Courter said improvements will be made to make classroom space more functional. In addition, rooms will be equipped with electronic upgrades similar to the ones in Colden Hall.

Improvements to the theater and stage area will also be made, along with new music and art studio equipment.

The facility itself also needs changes in piping, electrical wiring and plumbing. All of the mechanical piping which carries the heating and

cooling, will be replaced. Electricity will be upgraded, and plumbing will be enhanced when restrooms are remodeled.

Courter said all were outdated since the building was designed in the late '50s and not built until 1962.

"We have some safety and air quality issues that we need to address," Courter said.

The proposal would replace all exterior windows with energy efficient ones.

The basement would be completely remodeled and a 10,000-square-foot addition would be made to house the kilns and other equipment which currently occupies the basement.

"We will now be able to satisfy all of the building code requirements," Courter said.

Even though the building rests at

the top of Carnahan's funding list for higher education projects and could potentially be approved, money may not be seen right away.

The Hancock Amendment, which limits the amount of annual spending increase by the state, could delay the release of money, Courter said under normal circumstances, the money would be received by July 1.

However, if the current court case involving the Hancock Amendment results in another tax refund for Missouri businesses and citizens, it could mean the funds intended for higher education projects would be used to make those refunds.

"That's the worst thing that could happen," Courter said. "We're still moving ahead with all of our design work as if everything will work out fine."

## Residence halls' future still being contemplated

By JOSH FLAHARTY  
MANAGING EDITOR

The future of Northwest's residence halls is being discussed to determine the most cost-effective way of extending their useful existence.

Kent Porterfield, vice president for student affairs, and Ray Courter, vice president for finance and support services, along with several other people in the Student Affairs and Finance offices, are taking part in a study of the future of residence halls across the nation to determine what should be done with Northwest's halls.

"We have to look at the market as to what is going to attract the students, what is going to make for a more satisfactory living environment and at the same time address the mechanical problems," Porterfield said.

Plans were made to address mechanical problems in Phillips and Franken halls at a cost of \$1.2 million each and to fix cosmetic problems in the Hudson Hall office and lounge area at a cost of \$400,000. However, the plans were canceled due to cost overruns on the South Complex and Student Union projects and to wait for the results of the study, Courter said.

The Phillips and Franken projects would have replaced interior piping, windows and made cosmetic improvements to the lobby and office areas. Work in Hudson Hall would have updated the lounge for use by contemporary students.

"That's just scratching the surface of what needs to be done to make them last another 30 years," Courter said. "That's not addressing the exterior brick work, plumbing, elevators, carpeting or lighting. So we were probably only going to address maybe 20 percent of what needs to be done."

Courter estimated the cost of totally remodeling the high rises to be approximately \$6 million each and the cost of remodeling Perrin and Hudson halls to be about \$20 million.

"When you're spending a little bit for something that's not going to make a difference, you've got to ask yourself 'Is that wise?'" Courter said.

Porterfield said cost is not the only problem with high rise renovations. Remodeling the high rises to accommodate the suite-style environment students are requesting would be difficult.

Part of the problem lies in the design of the facilities. All of the mechanical components run through the central core of the buildings. To add bathrooms on the perimeter would be very costly, Porterfield said.

One option which is being looked at to offset the cost of remodeling is privatized housing, Porterfield said. This involves having a private company build a residence hall on campus and manage it like a private apartment complex.

"It's one way to build a new facility without taking on the risk," Porterfield said. "Would that be a good option for us? We don't know yet. We've got to look at all the options and determine what the best situation is for Northwest."

Other options include building new facilities, remodeling current facilities, doing preventive maintenance to extend the lives of the current structures until another option is found or setting up pricing levels for different living environments.

Porterfield said the study has already taken approximately eight months and will probably take a few more months, but they want to be able to go to the Board of Regents with options by April.

## Award-winning pianist returns to Northwest

By JACOB DIPIETRE  
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT REPORTER

An award-winning pianist is coming to Northwest for another performance.

Enid Katahn will make her return visit to campus for a 7:30 p.m. concert tonight at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Director of Campus Activities Bryan Vanosdale said Katahn put on a great show last year and was glad to bring her back.

"She was just a big time favorite," Vanosdale said. "The music department faculty and students just really, really liked her."

Katahn is a professor of piano at Vanderbilt University's Blair School of Music. When she is not teaching, she performs throughout the United

States and Europe.

Katahn plays classical style of music and has released many CDs, including: "The Piano Works of Carl Nielsen," "Pierre Max Dubois" and "Albert Roussel." Her latest CD, titled "Beethoven in the Temperaments," is available in most music stores.

Vanosdale said he hopes to have a large crowd at Mary Linn but said it is hard to predict student attendance.

"With some of the classical performing arts it's hard to guess," Vanosdale said. "We had good reviews last year and a good crowd. I would think people would be inclined to come out."

Tickets are \$3 and are available at the Student Services Center in the Administration Building or at Mary Linn.



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Enid Katahn will be performing at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

## Two advance after Tuesday's primary

By VALERIE MOSSMAN  
MANAGING EDITOR

A small percentage of voters made it out to the polls Tuesday to vote in the first primary election for Maryville City Council since 1995.

About six percent of the registered voters voiced their opinion on who should advance from the primary to the April election.

Challenger Larry Cady advanced by capturing 264 votes followed by incumbent Mike Thompson with 237 votes. W.D. Driskell was eliminated after receiving 151 votes.

Nodaway County Clerk John Zimmerman said Maryville's primaries generally have a low turnout.

Tuesday night was not an exception with only 372 people taking their turn behind the curtain.

"This is the American way; we have

opportunities," Thompson said. "Unfortunately, we had to go to the expense of tax payers to go through this process."

Thompson said he expects a larger turnout in April due to the diverse interest presented on the April ballot, such as city positions, school board and levies.

Thompson, who is completing his first term as a councilman, is a 12-year resident of Maryville and is the clinical director at the Maryville Treatment Center.

Cady was unavailable for comment at press-time.

The two will face off again on the April ballot. The city council seat is a three-year term.

The last date to register for the April election is March 8. The Missouri presidential election will be March 7.

Results from Tuesday's election

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### THURSDAY

■ Maryville Middle School Wrestling  
4 p.m., Bedford  
■ Encore presents Classical Pianists Enid Katahn  
7 p.m., Mary Linn Performing Arts Center  
■ Service Auction  
7:06 p.m., Conference Center

### MONDAY

■ Valentine's Day  
■ Alcoholics Anonymous  
6 p.m., Maryville United Methodist Church  
■ Al-A-Non  
6 p.m., Methodist Church  
■ Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors meeting  
12 p.m., The Hangar  
■ Holt County Cookie Day  
■ "Sexual Responsibility 101"  
7 p.m., Charles Johnson Theater

### FRIDAY

■ "Waiting for Godot"  
7:30 p.m., Charles Johnson Theater  
■ Softball at University of Southern Colorado Invitational, Pueblo, Colo.  
■ Lab series Charles Johnson Theater  
■ Sports Night  
8 p.m., Student Rec Center, cost \$1

### TUESDAY

■ Narcotics Anonymous  
6 p.m., Agape house at Maryville United Methodist Church  
■ Student Senate Meeting  
7 p.m., Colden Hall 3500  
■ Jazz Music performance by Galen Abdur-Razzaq  
7 p.m., Charles Johnson Theater  
■ Second Installment Due  
■ "Sex in the Dark"  
6 p.m., Roberta Hall Lounge  
■ Registration deadline for 4-H volunteers

### SATURDAY

■ Lincoln's Birthday  
■ ACT Test  
■ "Waiting for Godot"  
7:30 p.m., Charles Johnson Theater  
■ Women's basketball vs. Missouri Western State College  
5:30 p.m., Bearcat Arena  
■ Men's basketball vs. Missouri Western State College  
7:30 p.m., Bearcat Arena  
■ Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Planning Session  
8 a.m. Mozingo Clubhouse

### WEDNESDAY

■ Women's basketball at Truman State University  
5:30 p.m., Kirksville  
■ Men's basketball at Truman State University  
7:30 p.m., Kirksville  
■ Alcoholics Anonymous  
6 p.m., Margaret Davidson Complex  
■ Al-A-Non  
6 p.m., Margaret Davidson Complex  
■ Faces of America  
7 p.m., Charles Johnson Theater  
■ "Condom Bingo"  
8:30 p.m., Phillips Hall Lounge

### SUNDAY

■ Computer Science Olympiad  
■ Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours  
5 p.m., Beverly Health Center  
■ Project Prom/Project Graduation Chili supper  
5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Maryville High School cafeteria  
■ Movie, "Philadelphia"  
7 p.m., Conference Center

## Talent revealed



First graders, Lacey Wiederholt and Breanna Skipper show off their dancing skills during the St. Gregory's talent show on Friday. The talent show was part of a week long of activities during National Catholic Schools week. The theme of the week was "Lighting the way to a new century." The week provided the students in the school with an opportunity to celebrate who they are and what they are about. Other events during the week was wachy hair/ pajama day on Thursday. It was also a day to thank the vounteers and contributors who made the week possible.

PHOTO BY JOHN PETROVIC/  
PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

and the Student Union Monday through Wednesday. Other activities include "Sexual Responsibility 101," "Sex in the Dark," "Condom Bingo," the movie "Philadelphia" and "Come on, I wanna Lei Ya" bowling at Bearcat Lanes. The activities are free of charge with the exception of midnight bowling which costs \$1.

## MARYVILLE

### Concert organist to play at Conception Abbey

Organist John Obetz is scheduled to perform at 8 p.m. Feb. 17 at Conception Abbey's Basilica of the Immaculate Conception.

Obetz was featured on the radio broadcast "The Auditorium Organ" for 25 years. The show originated out of the world headquarters of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Independence.

As a concert organist, Obetz has performed throughout the world. He has also been a featured soloist with numerous orchestras and for many conventions of the American Guild of organists.

His performance on Feb. 17 will be the second organ concert in the Basilica since it was dedicated last March.



JOHN OBETZ  
ORGANIST

### Student applications being accepted for SOAR

Applicants are currently being sought for Summer Orientation and Registration.

Students interested in being SOAR leaders need to complete a general application at the student employment office in the Administration building, and complete an additional application which can be obtained in Room 237 of the Administration building.

Students are needed to fulfill two different groups of SOAR leaders for freshman orientation and registration this summer.

The first group will need to be available May 8 through June 30 and the second will need to be available June 2 through June 30.

In order to be considered, students must be available for all eight SOAR dates in June.

For more information contact Becky Miller at 562-1951.

between them," Weaver said.

Weaver tends to construct three or four pieces at a time. Each creation takes a couple of weeks from start to finish with a main portion of the time used for drying the materials.

Working with rawhide or goat hide in its wet state is most enjoyable for Weaver because she figures out a pattern and works with the skin to form her creations.

"It is very meditative to stitch and punch holes in the hide," Weaver said.

The exhibit will be on display until Feb. 25. Gallery hours are from 6 to 9 p.m. on Monday, 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1:30 to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

### Northwest to promote sexual responsibility

"Sexual Responsibility Week" is Feb. 13 through Feb. 19. Activities throughout the week are co-sponsored by Rape Is Going to Have To Stop and Chemical Abuse Resource Education Peer Educators.

There will be an information table and condom rose sales in Colden Hall

The CD-ROM, edited by John Coffey, news director of KXCV/KRNW, and Stephen Haynes, can be ordered by calling 562-1163.

To order the video, contact the athletic department at 562-1713.

### Alumni's sculptures displayed at Gallery

A sculpture exhibit opened Monday, Feb. 7, in the DeLuce Gallery, featuring the works of Victoria Kinshella Weaver.

Weaver was an undergraduate student at Northwest and earned her bachelor of fine arts with an emphasis in sculpture and metal smithing. She also has a bachelor's degree in art education.

Ideas for Weaver usually start with a single object and continue to develop as she incorporates more objects into the sculpture. She began constructing and putting materials together when she was a child.

"I enjoy solving the problem of having different materials and finding a way to make a smooth transition

can be purchased at the Student Services desk in the Administration Building. The show is sponsored by Encore and will be presented at 7:30 p.m. March 2 through March 4 in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center by the department of theater arts and music.

### Championship video may now be purchased

The National Championship highlight video of the Bearcat's 1999 football season is now available for purchase. The video, which shows footage from the season's games, is \$20. It may be delivered for an additional \$4.95.

The video was made by Bearcat Productions under the direction of Fred Lamer, assistant professor of Mass Communications.

A CD-ROM, featuring highlights from the regular season football games, playoffs and emphasizes the championship game, is also available for \$10 plus \$2 for shipping and handling.

## NORTHWEST

### Companies to conduct on-campus interviews

Cenex/Land O'Lakes will be interviewing for a crop production specialist and summer internships at Northwest Feb. 15.

Also, Farm Credit Services will be interviewing Feb. 16 for a credit representative.

Both positions are open to agronomy, agricultural science, agricultural business, agricultural economics, animal science and agricultural education majors.

For more information, contact Career Services at 562-1250.

### Tickets now available for musical, "Guys and Dolls"

Tickets for the Broadway musical "Guys and Dolls" are now on sale. Tickets are \$12 for orchestra seating and \$8 for balcony seating. Tickets

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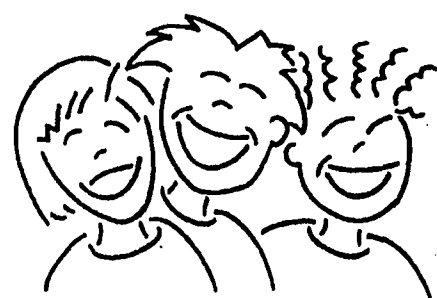
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\* See your Hall Staff or Residential Life Office for detailed schedule of events.

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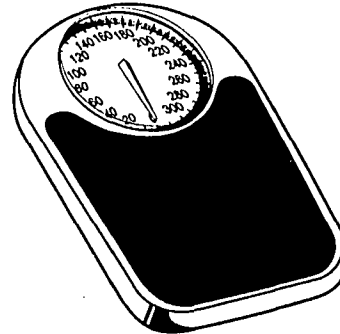
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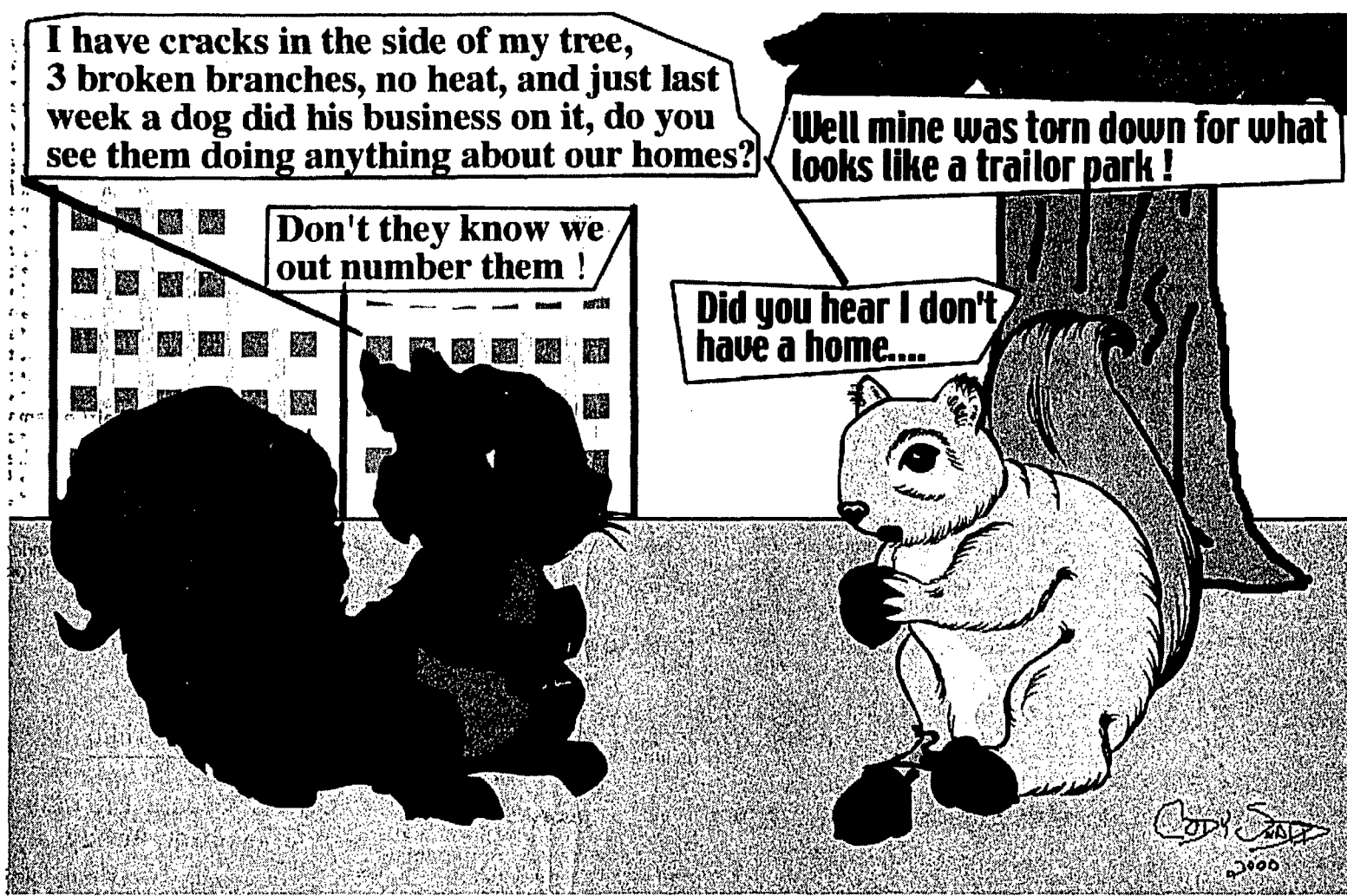
**Wednesday (2/16) and Thursday (2/17) from 3 p.m.-6 p.m. both days.**

**Wednesday (2/16) 8:30 a.m.-11 a.m.**

**Students can also make appointments for private  
information sessions at the Counseling Center. 562-1220.**

**All information and services are FREE to students.  
Call 562-1220 with any questions.**

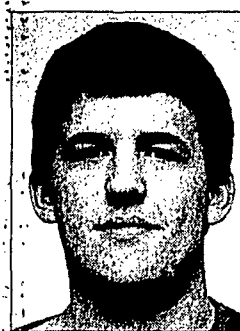




## MY VIEW

# Today's athletes lack respect

By JOHN PETROVIC  
PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR



*If I had ever been blessed with the ability to be a professional baseball pitcher, I sure know I wouldn't be going out stabbing people or making racial slurs.*

What are we going to do with athletes today? They are given a gift, and lately a lot of them are throwing their gift away by being dumb and childish.

I am talking about athletes such as the Carolina Panthers wide receiver Rae Carruth, who was arrested for the murder of his girlfriend, and Atlanta Braves pitcher John Rocker, who made many racial slurs toward immigrants and minorities in New York.

Then there is Miami Dolphins running back Cecil Collins, who was arrested for breaking into a neighbor's apartment and accused of stalking the woman, and Baltimore Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis, who is charged with two counts of murder in an incident that happened a few hours after the Super Bowl.

Just recently Panthers running back Fred Lane was arrested on drugs and weapons

possession charges.

They have all somehow tarnished or ruined their career by doing stupid things. I know they might have grown up in a bad neighborhood or not have had the best upbringing, but if they have any intelligence, they would know to keep out of trouble and be around the right people.

They were given the gift to do what they love most and get paid millions for it at the same time. But they throw it all away by being ignorant and that really makes me mad.

If I had ever been blessed with the ability to be a professional baseball pitcher, I sure know I wouldn't be going out stabbing people or making racial slurs.

What ever happened to players such as Joe Montana, Robin Yount and my hero George Brett. They all played the game with class and dignity by not abusing their sport and their talents. They used their minds and did not run with the wrong crowd.

They knew what kind of opportu-

nity they had and made something good out of it.

But now we seem to have these young men whom I believe are too young to be dealing with so much money. They think they are what makes the world go 'round and everyone should pay attention to them. They surround themselves with huge entourages and always seem to make a scene wherever they go.

I cannot reiterate it enough. If these young players think just a little bit, using what smarts they have, and realize they cannot surround themselves with people who are going to get them into trouble then they will be OK.

But if they do the opposite, then things will never change and we will continue hearing about how some talented athlete ruined his or her life and career by doing something stupid, hurting themselves, family and fans.

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## YOUR VIEW

*What is your opinion of the Kansas City Star's recent coverage of AIDS in the priesthood?*



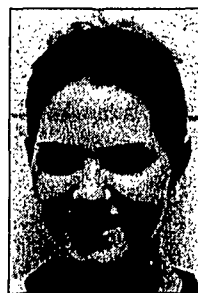
"I think the statistics are very interesting."

Austin Brown  
Marketing/Advertising major



"I really haven't read anything about it, but I think it's important to know about one of the current paths of the AIDS virus."

Aaron Winter  
Geography major



"Newspapers need to spend more time discussing topics posing a greater threat to society such as racial equality and foreign affairs."

Sally Dunn  
Vocal Music Education major



"I don't think it matters. We live in times where people should be treated equally, even priests."

Sarah Methé  
Elementary Education major



"There have been indications for years of alter boys being raped. Does it surprise me? No. Do I want to hear about it ... hell no."

Joel Merritt  
Broadcasting major

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# Support Staff

*University re-evaluates staff's wages with a possible increase, Missourian urges University to appreciate, say 'thank you'*

How many times have you failed to acknowledge the helpful secretary who squeezed you into your adviser's schedule so you could file the proper paperwork and receive a 100 percent refund on a dropped class?

Secretaries comprise just one category of support staff on the Northwest campus who might be in for some monetary compensation for their hardwork.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission identifies classes of occupation into clerical, technical, skilled trades and service.

A proposal is in the works to adjust the support staff's salaries. Research is being conducted by the University to compare market survey data of what other companies, small businesses, colleges, universities and government agencies pay for similar jobs.

Ray Courter, vice president of finance and support services said he will discuss the proposal with the Support Staff Council in February to receive input. It is likely the proposal will be discussed at the Board of Regents meeting in June.

The University has cited recruiting and retention of high quality staff along with competition in the region for reasons of increasing salaries.

The proposal even has backing from University President Dean Hubbard and he is not alone in his stance.

The support staff is vital to the success of this institution and to each student at Northwest.

To have a quality University, we must have a quality staff. The support staff is comprised of hardworking individuals who are enthusiastic about their jobs and about this University.

Courter said there is a large number of support staff positions being paid below what the market value studies indicate others are being paid.

This is clearly not acceptable. The support staff deserves to be compensated fairly.

The next time you are helped by a member of the support staff, or you see one in passing, do not forget to say "thank you," or simply "hello." Too often they are overlooked, and we hope when it comes down to their salaries, they will not be forgotten.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### R.A. reacts to view on fire safety

In the Jan. 27 edition of *The Northwest Missourian* you ran an editorial about the tragedy at Seton Hall University and proceeded to compare Seton Hall and Phillips Hall. As a Residential Assistant, I was aggravated that you leveled judgments on our staff using inaccurate facts.

You said Phillips Hall had only three fire signs in the building. That evening I checked myself and found two signs hanging in five of the six residence floors. I checked and found someone had taken them down on one floor. In a perfect world people would not take down signs, but in reality they do.

You said the signs you found were by elevators, inferring that was poor placement. Since you do not live here you may not know that most residents take the elevators. Usually they wait for elevators to reach their floors so we hang the signs in the elevator lobbies thinking they have the best chance of being read.

Give the residents credit for common sense. They have had 12 years of education and have participated in fire drills. I am sure they know to leave the building during an alarm without a sign telling them what to do, especially since the fire alarms give verbal directions.

I ask that before you publish a story, check your facts. It takes me 10 minutes round trip around this building, surely *The Missourian* can spare 10 minutes to check facts.

DEREK WILLIAMS  
ENGLISH MAJOR

### Proposal to honor athlete challenged

From the Stroller's column, Feb. 3: "...No matter what is decided, we should at least take the initiative to honor one of our best students."

The hell we should. Gary Gaetti is a professional baseball player. From the Stroller's glowing description of him, he would appear to be a pretty good one, even if he is not quite good enough to be remembered among the greats.

He is not one of our best students. Leaving aside for a moment the fact that Gaetti did not actually graduate from Northwest, let's examine what the guy has done with his life after his time at Northwest, shall we?

Gaetti hit a ball with a stick. Sometimes other people hit a ball with a stick and he tried to catch it while wearing a leather glove. He did both of these things quite well for a long time. Are these noteworthy accomplishments? Well, sure. He is obviously a good baseball player.

Are these worth giving him any additional honors from this University? No. Not even vaguely, and it is asinine that you have proposed it.

This nation already pays too damn much attention to professional sports as it is. Let's not be so stupid as to perpetuate that mistake. We are, after all, a center of higher learning.

THOMAS HINDMARCH  
ENGLISH MAJOR

Editor's note: You may have noticed *The Northwest Missourian* flag has returned to its original design this week. The decision was based on comments from our readers that the logo was recognizable and people are able to identify with it.

## Salary increase for support staff being considered

By DEBBIE BACON  
NEWS EDITOR

Years of research could result in increased salaries for Northwest support staff.

A proposal is in the works to adjust the support staff's salaries to a figure that is based on market survey data of what other companies, small businesses, colleges, universities and government agencies pay for similar jobs, said Ray Courter, vice president of finance and support services.

If approved, 262 individuals, who fall under four major classifications, would be affected.

Courter said the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission identifies classes of occupation into clerical, technical, skilled trades and service.

There are separate occupational categories within each of these groups. For example, electricians, plumbers and carpenters would be

sub-categories of skilled trades.

Courter said the University has been working with faculty on the subject for three years.

"We felt it was time to address the same issues of salary and market comparison for support staff," he said. "There was a serious need for the University to address faculty salaries as those salaries compared to market values."

Courter said the University began to encounter difficulties in recruiting and maintaining the quality of employees. He said the University needed to become more competitive, but also reward the faculty who had been working for the University for quite some time.

"Recruiting and retention of high quality faculty started three years ago, but it has taken a couple of years for the system to refine itself," Courter said.

Courter said the same principles

were used when trying to put a proposal together concerning the support staff.

"We wanted to take advantage of that process and supply that process to the support staff," he said.

Courter said competition in the region was another reason to raise support staff salaries.

"We really have a unique situation in our Maryville community and in Nodaway County," he said.

Maryville has consistently maintained the lowest unemployment rate in the state for two years, and the state of Missouri has low unemployment rates as well, Courter said.

He said the pool of labor has diminished to fill jobs which has affected the University's ability to attract staff.

Courter said he believes the University has to improve in its salaries because there are a large number of support staff positions well

below what the market value studies indicate others are being paid.

"It's only fair to our employees, because they do a wonderful job and they're hardworking," Courter said. "They need to be paid accordingly based on market conditions."

University President Dean Hubbard said he supports the proposal to raise salaries of support staff because the staff is comprised of remarkable people who are loyal and enthusiastic about work.

"They're vitally important to the success of this institution," Hubbard said. "We need to be sure we are compensating them fairly."

Courter will visit with the Support Staff Council in February to get their input.

Courter predicts a finalized proposal will be discussed at the Board of Regents meeting in June when the budget is approved.

## Computer break-ins force tighter security, hard drives stolen

By KATIE WAHLERT  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Recent computer break-ins are forcing Northwest to tighten security procedures and rewrite policies. "The biggest problem was in Colden Hall," said Sean Sheil, manager of client services. "We've had several hard drives stolen this past year."

Sheil also said some memory and hard drives were stolen from B.D. Owens Library.

This is the first year since the current computers were installed that equipment has been stolen to this extent, Sheil said.

"There's a lot of stuff going on on campus and we try to keep an eye on it and inform students," he said. "This is not proper, this is not ethical."

Theft is not the only problem which has plagued computing services.

Last semester, a student was prosecuted for accessing another student's computer through trojan horses, a software that masks what the user is doing.

"The unauthorized access was against state and federal laws," said David Straub, PC Specialist.

The policies for Northwest are on page 52 of the Student Handbook and can also be accessed on Northwest's homepage.

The problems with theft of computer hardware seems to be occurring after classes and in the evening when the labs are open for lab assistants to watch, Straub said.

In an attempt to cut down on the crime, surveillance cameras have been installed in some computer labs.

Campus Safety is looking into the problems. "They have the authority to do what needs to be done," Sheil said.

Anyone having information concerning the computer thefts is asked to call Campus Safety at 562-1254.

Sheil also said the thefts are hurting the University as a whole.

"The University has to pay for it somewhere," Sheil said. "We have to absorb that cost. Instead of buying a new printer for a dorm or lab, we're having to buy hard drives. The students will end up paying eventually through tuition."

Sheil hopes that other students will learn from student's mistakes.

"That will give a good message to the students," Sheil said. "This is not fun and games. We are going to prosecute. As far as protecting your personal machine from hackers, don't run a program that you don't know is safe. Don't accept e-mail from people you don't know."

*There's a lot of stuff going on on campus and we try to keep an eye on it and inform students.*

SEAN SHEIL  
MANAGER OF CLIENT SERVICES

## Storm chaser entertains crowd with tales, images of weather

By MARK HORNICKE  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The first picture he ever took was of a rainbow; now as the world's only full-time professional storm chaser, he shared his tales with a near capacity audience at Mary Linn Performing Arts Center Tuesday night.

Warren Faidley dazzled the audience with a combination of humorous and frightening stories about softball-sized hail, electrifying lightning and gigantic waves. His stories stemmed from 10 years of pursuing all types of violent weather.

However Faidley said storm chasing is not as easy as people may think.

"Most people think chasing is a lot like 'Twister,' where you go out and see seven tornadoes in a day and then go have a steak dinner at Aunt Em's and then go see another seven tornadoes," Faidley said. "It actually doesn't work that way. Chasing requires a lot of patience. There are times where I've gone out for a year or two and haven't seen a tornado."

Although science seemed dry and boring to him, Faidley's interest in storm chasing began as a photojournalist for *The Tucson Citizen*, a newspaper in Tucson, Ariz.

Journalism became routine for Faidley. Yet, with the spectacular lightning displays that Arizona often produced, using photojournalism with storm chasing came naturally, he said.

"Some people find out in journalism there gets to a point where there's only so much you can do in one loca-

tion," he said. "You have to branch out, and I was at that point. I was thinking about shooting fashion in New York as some of my friends had done, or moving to a bigger newspaper. I just happened to be living in Tucson and to escape from everyday boring journalism, I went out and started shooting lightning, which was fascinating."

Faidley's career was launched when he shot an image of a tower being struck by lightning 400 feet in front of him. He submitted the picture to *Life* magazine and suddenly other magazines and film companies began calling for Faidley's work.

The impact of the lightning bolt knocked him to the ground, but Faidley believes it is the highest quality shot of lightning actually hitting an object in existence.

Faidley now has his own company, Weatherstock, and manages the world's largest library of weather-related images. He is also the author of the best seller "Storm Chase: In Pursuit of Untamed Skies" and "Eye of the Storm," and he served as a contributing cinematographer for the blockbuster film, "Twister."

Despite his success, Faidley also warned of the dangers he encounters.

"Hurricanes are relatively easy because they are on satellite and television," he said. "You can predict about what time they're going to hit. Tornadoes are really some of the most fascinating storms to chase because it requires not only to be there, but some thinking and planning. It challenges



PHOTO BY AMY ROH/CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER

Storm chaser Warren Faidley spoke to a near capacity crowd at Mary Linn Performing Arts Center Tuesday night. He showed slides, while telling stories of his 10 years as a chaser.

your mind. It's like a giant chess game. If you mess up, you're not only going to miss the shot, but you might end up in big-time trouble."

Faidley said he and other storm chasers try to help warn people when a major storm is coming, but there is a new generation of storm chasers who do not take safety seriously.

"If you have a hobby, at least be responsible," he said. "There's a new crop of chasers out there that basically have no interest in science. They have

no interest in phoning in a report if they're the only one out there. They're strictly out there just to have fun. If you go to last year in Oklahoma City, for example, there were hundreds of people."

Faidley does not envision his career ending in the near future.

"I think I'll be chasing as long as I can," he said. "I haven't found anything else that's as challenging or exciting. And I don't think I could work for anyone else at this point."

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# Family business in service for 42 years

*Auto repair shop strives to make customers No. 1 priority*

By JAMMIE SILVEY  
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

Family and tradition have deep roots at Shell's Amoco in Maryville. With these roots the business treats and respects its customers like family members.

In 1958, Marshall Shell's father started the current auto repair shop. His father owned it for 40 years until Shell came back from Nebraska six years ago to take over the business. In 1998, Shell bought his father out.

Shell, a 1989 graduate of Northwest, and his wife came back to Maryville to raise their two children, Trevor and Megan, in a small town. Shell also liked the idea of being his own boss.

Shell strives to help his customers by getting vehicles repaired as quickly as possible. He also realizes the importance of quick response to the 24-hour towing and emergency service that his business offers. Shell understands the financial aspect of owning a business and tries to offer the most reasonable prices he can.

Shell finds the majority of his work is mechanical, but the important aspect of his business is the hours that he works. Shell's Amoco is open seven days a week in addition to the 24-hour towing service.

## Business Week

He tries to help his customer by getting their vehicles in and out of the shop on the customer's schedule.

The business offers a variety of services to their customers such as major and minor auto repairs, lockouts and emergency needs.

Customers are important, Shell said. Many of his customers are the same his father had, but he finds it important to talk to each customer and get to know them.

"The college students a lot of times I get to know their parents just as well as the kids and I talk to them on the phone a lot," Shell said.

Shell realizes how important his business is to the community, keeping the community moving from point A to point B, and day or night all they have to do is call.

"I see my job the same as a doctor's," Shell said. "I don't get paid like a doctor does, but I have to be there for them when they call and it is a very important roll."

Though family traditions and business may seem like a thing of the past, Shell's Amoco is bringing the business to the computer based world with its Web site at <http://www.asde.net/~mshell/>.



PHOTO BY KATY GRABER/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER  
Marshall Shell, of Shell's Amoco, works on a vehicle on Monday afternoon. In 1958, Shell's father started the current auto repair shop and in 1998, Shell bought his father out. The business offers a variety of services to their customers such as major and minor auto repairs, lockouts and emergency needs. The repair shop's Web site can be seen at <http://www.asde.net/~mshell/>.

## Assistant Dean added for student development

By JOSH FLAHARTY  
MANAGING EDITOR

The staff of the Missouri Academy of Mathematics, Science and Computing is now three members strong with the addition of a new Assistant Dean for Student Development.

Deb Guffy arrived on campus Jan. 31 to oversee the student life aspect of the academy, which opens this fall.

Guffy comes to Northwest with more than a decade of experience in the high school academy field.

She was most recently the Dean of Students for the Arkansas School for Mathematics and Sciences. She also served as Dean of Students and Director of Student Leadership Development for nine years at the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy.

"I'm really excited," said Russ Pinizzotto, dean of the academy. "She was probably the best, most qualified person for this position in the nation."

Guffy heard about the position from colleagues at another academy and was able to meet and talk with Pinizzotto before she came to campus for an interview.

"The exciting thing for me is to be able to set up a program from the beginning," Guffy said.

She said her impression of Northwest has been a positive one.

"I've been very impressed with the way that folks interact with each other and the support across departments," Guffy said.

She said the academy staff is eager for the students to get on campus.



DEB GUFFY  
ASSISTANT DEAN FOR STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

## Advancement Center relocates

By TODD SHAWLER  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Renovations to existing property have kept the University Advancement Center from moving out of the Alumni House to a new location next door.

Remodeling of the property involved work to both the exterior and interior, said Chuck Veatch, former vice president of University Advancement.

However, the exterior remodeling was primarily cosmetic compared to the extensive interior renovations that took place.

Veatch also said one of the major considerations during the renovation was to ensure the center passed all Americans with Disabilities Act specifications, dealing with handicap accessibility.

The main attraction to the new location is the state-of-the-art conference room, said Lance Burchett, vice president for Uni-

versity Advancement.

The new conference room will feature audio and visual technology and a 14 foot by 6 foot conference table capable of seating 20 people.

To complement the new conference room, a balcony was added to the second story of the house.

"The balcony will be an exceptional reception area," Burchett said.

The new conference room was financed by Charles and Florence Lawhead of Phoenix. The conference room will be named after the couple as a tribute.

Burchett said individuals or groups on campus are welcome to use the conference room by appointment.

An open house is planned for later this spring allowing the public to view the center's new location firsthand.

## Northwest reconsiders its e-mail policy

By JACOB DIPIETRE  
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT REPORTER

Being an electronic campus has its benefits; however, some students and staff are taking it too far some administrators say.

Since the start of the spring trimester at least three e-mails have been sent to every Northwest student, soliciting something, which is a direct violation of the solicitation policy at Northwest said Carol Cowles, assistant vice president for student affairs.

Two e-mails were for girl scout cookies and for a concert series at the Hangar, a local movie theater.

The policy says, in part: "...to permit solicitation in University buildings and on University property only by recognized student organizations and University offices."

The policy goes on to say that any fund-raising or soliciting done by an individual, group or for-profit company is illegal.

Cowles said the e-mails have been brought to her attention and she has met with some of the people responsible for the soliciting messages.

"To that end, when an illegal solicitation is brought to my attention we do follow up," Cowles said. "What I do is basically get the information that I need and tell the student there was a violation of the solicitation policy and at this point they have a conduct warn-

ing; assuming I will not see that person again."

She also said soliciting through the campus Internet system is a class C violation and could result in probation.

One of the students responsible for the mass e-mail sent out about the concert series at the Hangar said he didn't know the e-mail was a violation of University policy at the time and thought it would be a quick way to send out their message.

"It (the policy) cuts down on unnecessary e-mails but if people would just use it in moderation it wouldn't be that big of a problem," junior philosophy major Seth Hofstetter said.

Hofstetter said his band is going to set up an e-mail list of people who want to be notified of upcoming concerts to avoid the violation in the future.

In an attempt to make the policy more clear, Cowles said the rule will be amended in next year's Student Handbook. Although, she would like to see an emphasis put on it in Freshmen Seminar and Using Computers classes.

Cowles said the policy is not meant to stop students from communicating with each other, just to stop every individual, group or agency from soliciting students.

"I think that communication is what the issue is," Cowles said. "It is real important for students to let students know what is going on on campus."

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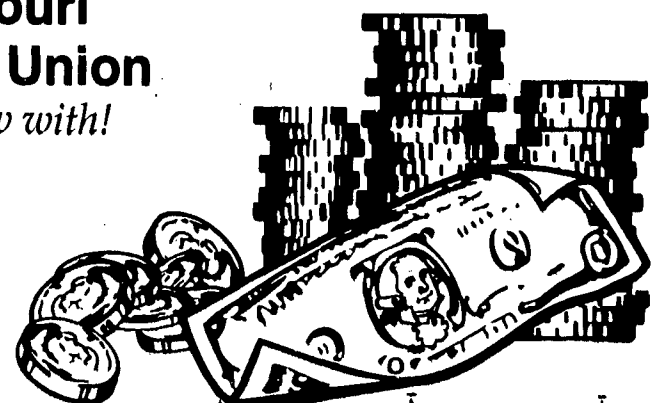
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# Taking nothing for granted

Living with cancer teaches student life lessons.

By JOSH FLAHARTY  
MANAGING EDITOR

Sophomore class president Dan Ayala ignored the lumps he discovered on his throat last summer, thinking they were caused by allergies, and went on with his life.

Then came the illnesses. Although Ayala said he does not usually get sick, he developed the flu three times during September and October and bronchitis in November.

While at home over Thanksgiving break, Ayala visited a doctor who performed CT scans and blood tests. Because of the short period of time between Thanksgiving and finals, Ayala received the results during finals week. The diagnosis — lymphoma, cancer of the lymphatic system.

"I was in complete shock," Ayala said. "Everyone says 'It will never happen to me.' It took such a toll on me that I couldn't get mad or cry or anything."

Ayala was also a member of Residence Hall Association, the Political Science Club, Model United Nations and served on half a dozen University committees.

He had to step down from his positions in all of these groups, as well as taking a less stressful role in his committee positions on Student Senate.

"The last thing I wanted to do was to give up Student Senate," he said. "I can still maintain the positions I have, but I can't be involved as much as I was, not because of the stress, but because I can get sick really easy."

Carol Cowles, Student Senate adviser and Ayala's supervisor in the Student Affairs office, said the diagnosis surprised her.

"It was clear that he was struggling with some health problems, but I was shocked when he shared with me his diagnosis because cancer is not something you normally associate with students," Cowles said. "I'm not sure if that is just our ignorance or because it

is such an unusual situation."

Ayala said he has gotten support from his family and friends in dealing with the situation.

"My bosses in the Student Affairs office, Carol and Kent (Porterfield), have both invited me over to their houses if I ever need anything," he said.

The experience has also taught Ayala several life lessons.

"One, I've learned that I have to reevaluate the way I live my life," he said. "I can't be as active or involved as I was because I can get sick really easy."

"Additionally, I've learned that you can't take life for granted. It's been such a wake-up call for me going through this for the last two months."

"I've also learned who my real friends are. I've learned the definition of what friends are."

Ayala said he was not aware of a serious problem until he got the results of the tests.

"Obviously I didn't think anything of it," he said. "But I guess for everyone else on campus, if you notice yourself getting sick, take care of it. Sure 99 percent of the time it's going to be a cold or the flu, but it could turn out to be something really bad."

"It's just one of the challenges that we have to look at in the face and deal with it. I think it has made us stronger."

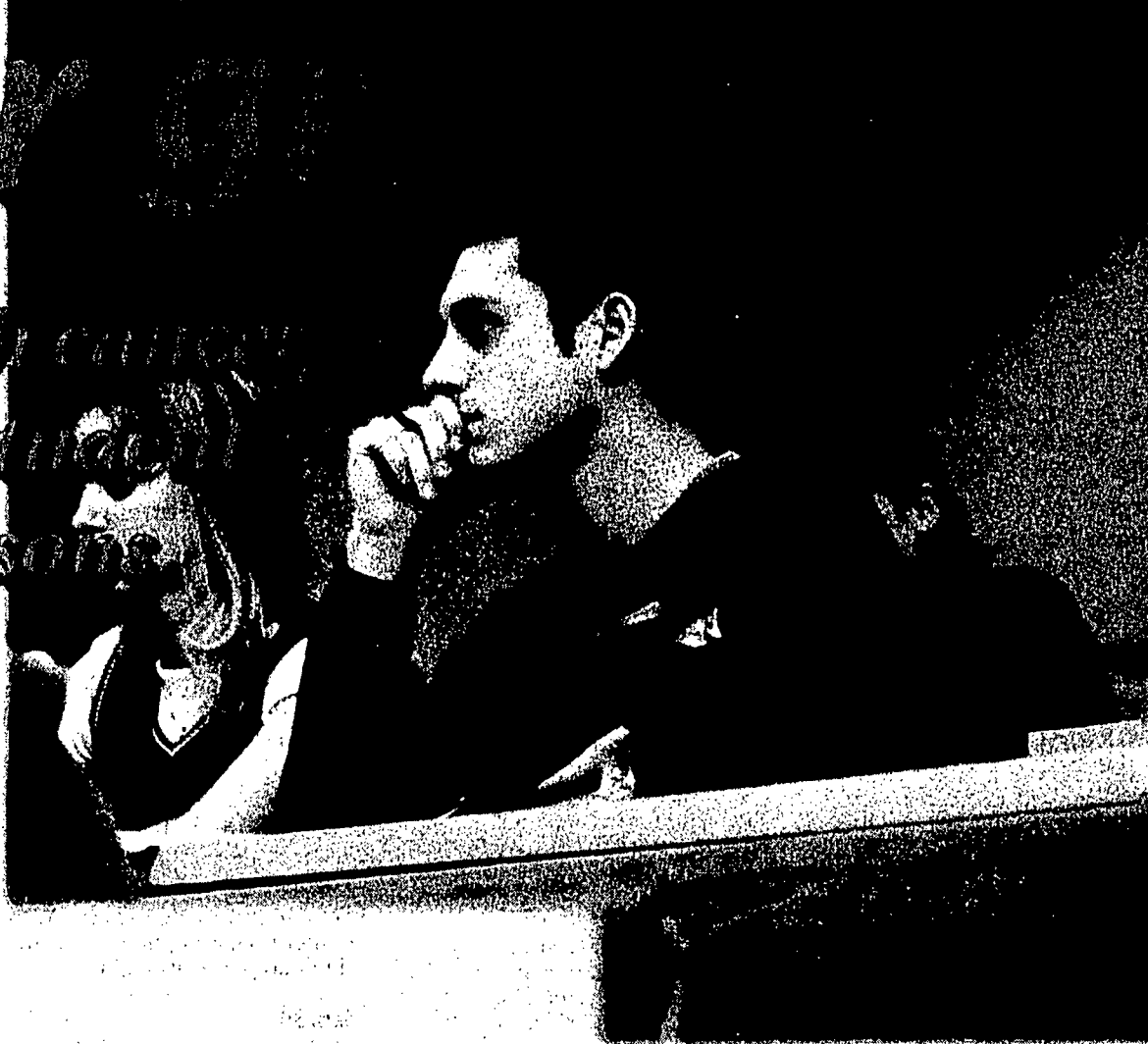


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## CANCER QUICK FACTS:

■ There are 3.4 million males and 4.8 million females living with cancer in the United States.

■ American males have a one-in-two chance of developing some form of cancer throughout their life and a one-in-four chance of dying from cancer.

■ American females have a one-in-three chance of developing some form of cancer throughout their life and a one-in-five chance of dying from cancer.

■ One-in-six men will develop prostate cancer during their life.

■ One-in-eight women will develop breast cancer during their life.

■ There are approximately 296,000 people living with lymphoma in the United States.

Statistics courtesy of the American Cancer Society, <http://www.cancer.org>

## Restaurant brings in Mexican flavor

By MEGAN TADY  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

As two men ease back in their bar stools, their empty plates and scattered chip crumbs testify for their loosened belt buckles.

"I have been bragging about this place to everyone," one man said.

This place is the Cactus Grill and Cantina, a new Mexican restaurant on East First Street. The restaurant, once known as Zipps Steakhouse, changed themes under new ownership.

"The new owner had quite a bit of experience with Mexican restaurants," Charlie Wooten, co-manager with his wife Diane, said. "Maryville has never had a full-service Mexican restaurant. The public response has really shown us it was the right thing."

Modest priced food and the laid back environment may be the reasons for the restaurant's popularity.

"It is just a nice, fun, date restaurant," Wooten said. "You can come here with your friends. Your

parents come up and you can come here and get something to eat and have a few margaritas."

While Wooten claims the fajitas and homemade tacos are the restaurant's specialty, there is a wide array of other items on the menu as well.

"We offer different selections other than Mexican," Wooten said. "We are not strictly a Mexican restaurant."

Although Wooten said the location is not ideal, he does not see that as a problem.

"We are a unique enough restaurant in town that it isn't (a problem)," Wooten said. "If you have good food and decent prices, you could open up a restaurant in the middle of nowhere."

The restaurant is open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and it is open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday.

"This is the perfect place to come down and unwind," he said.

## Club to help students learn about investing

By KYLE NIEMANN  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Students interested in learning more about investing now have a new place to turn.

The Bearcat Investment Club is a new campus organization being formed by finance majors. However, students with any major are welcome.

"It's where an everyday Joe can learn a little more about the investment world," senior finance major Marcus Whitworth said.

In traditional investing clubs, members pay a fee and bring in ideas to support where money should be invested; the Investment Club is using a combination of real money and simulations.

The spring members of the club will be participating in "The Investment Challenge." In this challenge each team invests up to \$500,000 in a paper portfolio, whereas no money is actually used and all of the investing is done on a simulated market. If a team does well they can win money from the sponsors.

Finance professor Dr. Michael Wilson said a lot of schools use it successfully in their investment classes. He has not used it

in classes because he feels that the challenge is focused on a narrow, short period of time rather than investing for long-term returns.

In the fall the club is going to be investing real money in the stock market courtesy of the Bearcat Fund.

"This is unique, only a few schools around do it," Wilson who serves as custodian of the fund, said.

The Bearcat Fund was started in 1989 with a \$5,000 grant from Edward Jones and \$2,500 grants from Culture of Quality and The University Foundation. These grants were put into two separate accounts that are used in investment classes every year. Since the inception of the fund, it has grown to almost \$40,000.

Wilson said the fund has been used in some cases for independent studies.

The Bearcat Investment Club will meet at 5:30 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of each month in Colden Hall 3010. The first meeting is scheduled for Feb. 15.

"What I am envisioning is the finance majors helping the non-finance majors in their investing," Whitworth said.

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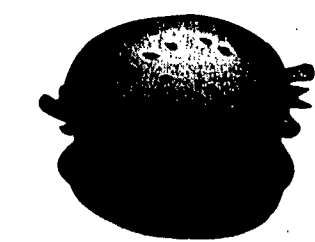
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## PUBLIC SAFETY

**Jan. 27**  
■ An officer received a complaint of an assault on the 300 block of North Main Street.

**Jan. 31**  
■ A vehicle driven by an unknown driver was traveling west on College Avenue when it struck a vehicle driven by Shawn O'Kelley, Maryville, leaving black streaks on the door and knocking off the driver's side mirror. The unknown driver left the scene and could not be located. No citations were issued.

**Feb. 3**  
■ A vehicle driven by Brian Smail, 18, Maryville, was changing lanes while traveling eastbound on U.S. Highway 136. Norman Philpott, 29, Maryville, observed Smail's turn signal, thought he was turning south and proceeded to turn north into Smail's path. No citations were issued.

**Feb. 4**  
■ A vehicle driven by Michael Fisher, 47, Bedford, Iowa, was traveling southbound on U.S. Highway 71. As he approached the intersection with U.S. Highway 136, the traffic signal turned red. Harold Owens, 23, Maryville, had a green light at the intersection. Fisher struck Owens and was issued a citation for failure to clear intersection in emergency vehicle.

■ Rural fire units responded to a vehicle fire north of Maryville on U.S. Highway 71. While in route, the fire was determined to be in West Nodaway Fire District. Polk Fire Units continued to respond to provide assistance.

**Feb. 5**  
■ A Maryville male reported a theft from a vehicle.

■ A Maryville female reported a

theft on the 1000 block of North Buchanan Street.

■ While on patrol on the 100 block of East South Avenue, Maryville officers observed a car make a wide left turn and almost strike the curb. The driver was identified as Willie Elliott, 40, Barnard. While talking to him, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform field sobriety tests, which he could not successfully complete, and was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested above the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for failure to yield the right of way from a stop.

■ While on patrol on the 400 block of North Fillmore Street, a Maryville officer observed a vehicle traveling north with an inoperable brake lamp. The driver was identified as John Watts III, 19, Maryville. While talking to him, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform field sobriety tests, which he could not successfully complete, and was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested above the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for defective equipment.

■ A Maryville officer arrested Don Williamson, 49, Maryville, on a probation and parole warrant.

■ Maryville officers received a report from a St. Joseph male that his vehicle was damaged while parked on the 1700 block of South Main Street.

■ Rural fire units responded to a grass fire on the 2600 block of South Main Street.

■ Fire units responded to a house fire on the 600 block of West Third Street. The fire was brought under control by officers, and extinguished by firefighters. The dam-

age was contained to one room. The cause of the fire was determined to be a candle.

**Feb. 6**  
■ While on patrol on the 200 block of South Market Street, a Maryville officer observed a vehicle with a missing left taillight. The driver was identified as Michael Tittsworth, 25, Savannah. A check through the Missouri Department of Revenue showed him as suspended and having a warrant for failure to appear in court in Buchanan County. He was arrested and issued a summons for driving while suspended. He posted bond and is awaiting extradition on the Buchanan County warrant.

■ A Maryville officer received a report from a Maryville female that she had been assaulted in the 300 block of West Sixth Street. Katrina Gibbs, 22, Maryville, and Shannon Paulsen, 22, Maryville, were issued summons for affray.

■ A Maryville officer received a report from a Maryville male that he had received a threatening phone call.

## CAMPUS SAFETY

**Jan. 28**  
■ Campus Safety recovered two parking signs from the conference center parking lot.

■ A student reported property damage to a vehicle while it was parked in the west high rise parking lot.

■ Campus Safety responded to a medical emergency at Franken Hall. The student was evaluated and transported to St. Francis by Nodaway County Ambulance.

■ Campus Safety assisted Maryville Public Safety in a report of a

theft. The suspect was arrested and issued a summons for misdemeanor stealing.

**Jan. 29**  
■ Campus Safety towed a vehicle from the circle drive by Lamkin Activity Center for excessive parking citations.

**Jan. 30**  
■ Campus Safety towed a vehicle from the parking lot behind Valk for excessive parking violations.

**Jan. 31**  
■ Campus Safety investigated an accident in the west high rise parking lot. The striking vehicle left the scene prior to Campus Safety's arrival.

■ Campus Safety investigated a report of disorderly conduct in Phillips Hall. The suspect was issued a summons for possession of a weapon and damaging University property.

**Feb. 1**  
■ Campus Safety escorted two people from Colden Pond. The case was forwarded to the Health and Safety Manager.

■ Campus Safety responded to Hudson Hall in reference to a smell of gasoline. The floor was evacuated and the smell was determined to be emitting from clothing worn by Jake Novice and Jeremy Larson.

■ Campus Safety stopped a vehicle for failure to yield at the intersection of College Park Drive and Memorial Drive. The driver was arrested and issued a summons for driving while suspended.

**Feb. 3**  
■ Campus Safety responded to a report of an assault at Hudson Hall. The suspect was issued a summons for third-degree assault.

■ Campus Safety towed a vehicle from the circle drive by Brown Hall for excessive parking citations.

**Feb. 4**  
■ Campus Safety received a report of a smell of marijuana at Dieterich Hall. Contact was made and a summons for possession of drug paraphernalia was issued.

■ Campus Safety removed a bicycle from a tree in front of the Administration Building.

**Feb. 6**  
■ Campus Safety responded to a fire alarm in Phillips Hall. The alarm was unfounded.

■ Campus Safety investigated a report of weapons in a vehicle parked on the north side of North Complex. Contact was made with the owner and the vehicle was searched. No weapons were found.

■ A student reported the theft of a credit card.

**Feb. 7**  
■ Campus Safety received a report of two stolen hard drives from Colden Hall room 1400.

A deputy arrested Christopher Harris, 21, Maryville, on a Nodaway County warrant for possession of a controlled substance.

**Feb. 7**  
■ A deputy arrested Jamie Straw, 21, Clarinda, Iowa, on a Nodaway County warrant for passing bad checks.

## BIRTHS

**Kalvin Dean Rawson**  
Lance and Linda Rawson, Conception, are the parents of Calvin Dean, born Feb. 4, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and joins one brother, Kadence.

His maternal grandparents are Jim and Marilyn Coulter, Conception, and Solon and Twila Rawson, Yuma, Ariz.

**Brooke Shiana McDaniel**  
Mark and Janie McDaniel, Rea, are the parents of Brooke Shiana, born Feb. 5, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and joins one sister, Haley.

Her maternal grandparents are Linda Madison, Gallatin, and Garold and Mildred McDaniel.

## OBITUARIES

**Esther McMaster**  
Esther Elizabeth Osborn McMaster, 89, Fort Worth, Texas, died Sunday, Feb. 6, at Benbrook Texas Nursing Home.

She was born June 15, 1910, to Lewis and Emma Osborn in Utica.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Clifford. She is survived by one brother, Robert; two sons, Clifford and Thomas; one daughter and son-in-law, Marjorie and Wynn Norris; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

## SHERIFF

**Jan. 27**  
■ A deputy arrested Montie Montgomery, 39, Maryville on a probation and parole warrant.

**Jan. 30**  
■ A deputy arrested Amanda Keller, 31, Kansas for driving while intoxicated.

**Feb. 3**  
■ A deputy took a report from a Ravenwood resident on harassing phone calls.

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## — Student Senate FYIS

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If your organization has not turned in a spring update form, they are due Monday, February 14 to the Student Senate Office. If your organization does not turn it in, it will effect your potential funding, reservation of University facilities, including meeting rooms, and posting.

**Tower Service Award**  
Applications are now available at the Student Services Desk, Student Senate office, Residence hall front desks, and Student Senate web page. Nominate someone you think is an outstanding faculty, staff, administrator, support staff, or student. Applications will be accepted until February 21, 2000. Please send your nomination(s) in an enclosed envelope to:  
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**Associate Members**  
Student Senate is now accepting applications for new associate members! Applications may be picked up at the Student Senate office or Student Leadership Center. Qualifications include being a full-time university student, a 2.0 GPA, and must be in good standing with the university. Applications will be accepted until 12 p.m. on February 15, 2000. Membership interviews will take place at 6:30 p.m. on February 15, 2000 in Colden Hall 3010.

**Senator of the Week**  
Congratulations to Jealaine Vaccaro for being last week's Senator of the Week. Your hard work and determination is an inspiration to us all.  
Congratulations to Keri Williams, this week's Senator of the Week. Your organizational newsletter is fabulous. Keep up the good work.

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BY MEGAN TADY

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Today is the day. He is finally going to meet her. He knows exactly what he wants to say and the smooth way in which to say it. But seeing her, his calm composure fades, leaving him nervous and tongue-tied, and thinking tomorrow — definitely tomorrow.

This scenario may sound familiar — wanting to meet someone, not knowing how to approach him or her, not knowing what to say, and eventually not saying anything at all. The thought of meeting people seems to cause such uneasiness.

"You can look at someone who is a little reserved, but who really wants to meet people," Bayo Oludaja, a professor in the communications department, said. "They have that initial feeling of not knowing how the other person will respond to them. They may think, 'Oh, they don't look like me, or they don't dress like me.' That is a real barrier."

Not knowing what to say during those first few minutes can be another obstacle to meeting people.

"The hardest thing is getting by that first hello," David Hudson, junior communication major, said.

"People just don't know what to say after that."

Oludaja, however, thinks that awkwardness can be avoided.

"Ease into it, say hi, talk about common things," Oludaja said. "People always say that they don't know what to talk about. But you can talk about anything — the weather, the environment. If you are at the library, talk about that."

Once conversation is established, the fear of making a good impression sets in.

"People are afraid they will make a fool of themselves or they will say something stupid," freshman Kyleigh James said. "It is just an awkward situation."

Shyness may not allow people to get to the point of conversation.

Monica Knapp, sophomore history major, who is from Sweden, faced this problem when trying to establish new ties in a new country.

"Overcoming shyness is the hardest thing," Knapp said. "I am a fairly shy person and not super outgoing in the beginning. That can be kind of frustrating sometimes."

Oludaja has advice for approaching a shy person.

"People who are more outgoing need to be sensitive to someone who is shy," Oludaja said. "To some extent, they need to tone down their exuberance so the shy person won't feel overwhelmed. You need to find the middle ground, ask non-threatening questions. Questions that no matter how they answer, it won't make that person feel stupid."

There is one thing Oludaja thinks everyone should know.

"You just need to realize that you actually have something to offer other people," Oludaja said.

And then make today the day.

- Consider timing. Before you swoop, give someone a chance to become accustomed to surroundings, eat, drink or do whatever was originally intended. Observe the situation until you receive a sign that your interest is returned-eye contact, repeated glances, smiles, etc.
- That new object of affection might be waiting for a date or spouse. However, if the window of opportunity is very narrow, there's no time like the present.
- Make the first move. Yes, you should first gauge the situation, but don't wait too long. The fear of rejection or feeling foolish may prevent you from wanting to approach someone, but an opportunity may never again present itself.
- Make it easy. Extract yourself from friends or obstacles long enough to allow a semi-private meeting.
- It's intimidating and challenging to approach someone who is surrounded by friends or co-workers. And it might also prove difficult to know if someone is "with" one of those people around them.
- Flattery is nice; sincerity is better. Deliver a casual, honest compliment ("You have a nice smile"), rather than a corny or unlikely comment ("Your eyes are like two dazzling stars in the evening sky...").
- No matter how creative or clever, those first words from your mouth might still resemble a "line." Just remember that how something is said is just as important as what is said. Sincerity, humor and a smile will win every time.

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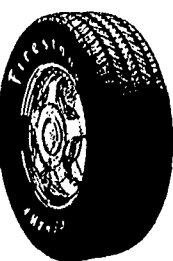
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## Men prep to battle MIAA foes

### Quick Facts

■ Senior forward Tyrone Brown was selected as MIAA Player of the Week after averaging 22 points, four rebounds and two steals in leading the Bearcats to three victories last week to move into a third-place tie in conference standings. Brown is second in the MIAA in scoring with 18 points per game.

■ Northwest is second in the conference in three-point field goal percentage. The 'Cats are knocking down about 40 percent (.398) of their opportunities from behind the arc. Senior guard Phil Simpson ranks fourth in the MIAA with a mark of .456.

■ The Bearcats have had fewer turnovers than their opponent in 19-of-20 games so far this season. Northwest ranks No. 1 in the MIAA in turnover margin at +10. Missouri Southern State College ranks a distant second at +4.

By BLAKE DREHLE  
SPORTS EDITOR

For the Northwest men's basketball team it is simple — win the two upcoming MIAA games and let things work out to possibly play host to a first round tournament game.

However, teams have proven things to be anything but predictable in the MIAA this season, especially the Bearcats.

The 'Cats, 15-5 overall and 7-5 in the MIAA, took a three-game winning streak to Central Missouri State University Wednesday night in expectations of extending it.

Going into the game against Central Missouri the team was thinking positive because of the strides it had taken in the last three games, head coach Steve Tappmeyer said.

"I think our team is in a pretty positive frame of mind," he said. "I know everybody is a little bit tired at this stage of the year, but I was worried more last week about the fatigue factor than I am this week because winning the games at home were crucial and keeping us strong."

The Bearcats welcome back Missouri Western State College at 7:30 p.m. Saturday to Bearcat Arena and are seeking to split the series after suffering a 77-75 loss to the Griffons Jan. 15.

The confidence level of the 'Cats to win their next two games is getting stronger and stronger because of what the team has accomplished in the last week, sophomore center Chris Borchers said.

"The last three wins have been big because it has put us in a good position to play better," Borchers said. "After losing two straight on the road (to Washburn University and Missouri Southern State College), we all got together and decided we needed to work harder to get our attitudes back in the right direction."

Entering the game against Central Missouri, Northwest was tied for third place with Missouri Western and Pittsburg State University in the MIAA. But with the year the MIAA has had, Tappmeyer said his team was not going to take anything for granted.

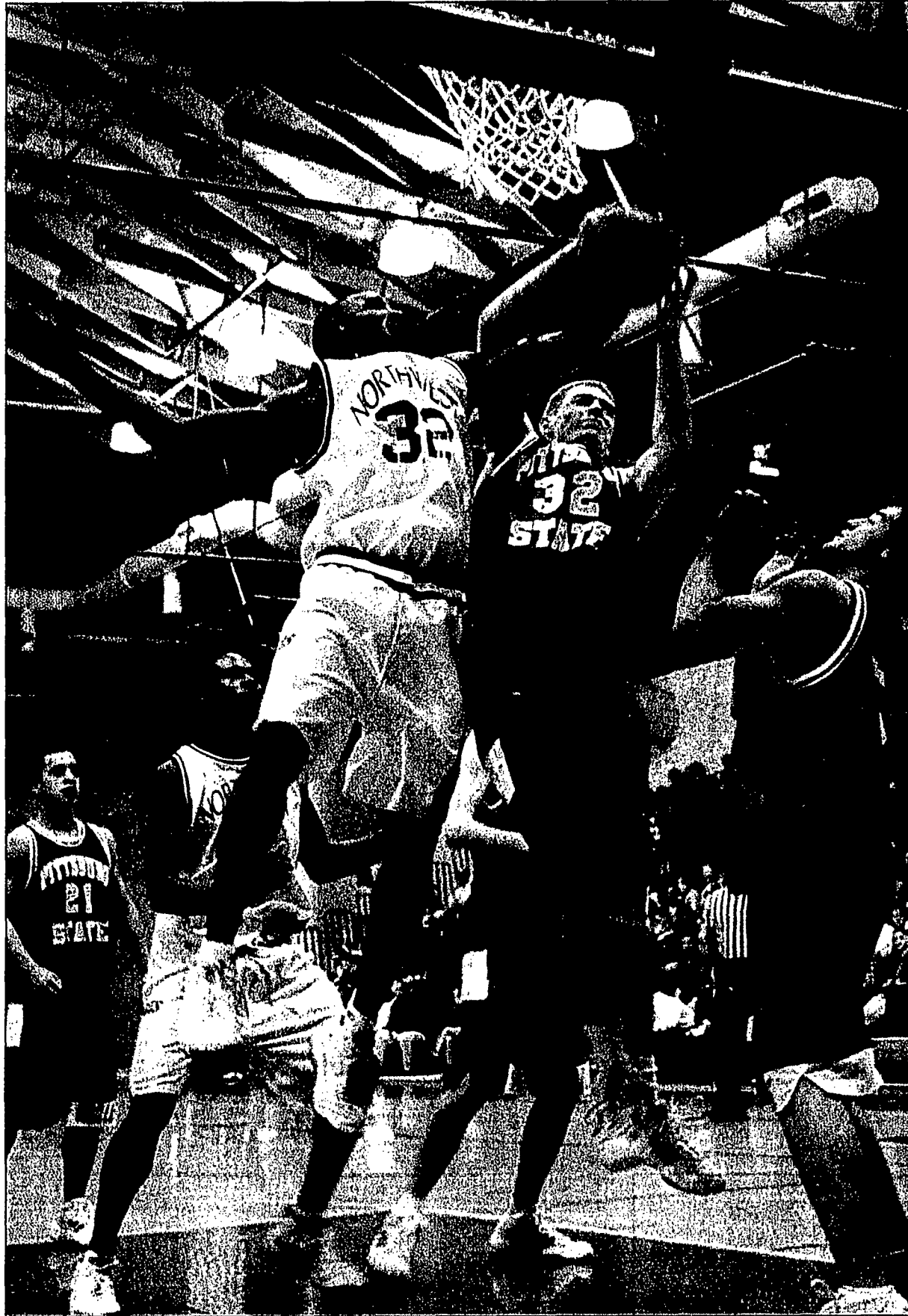
"I think we have a great chance to make some noise in the conference with the opportunity we are at, but a lot of people are in the same boat being tied with several teams in the third spot and there are teams one game behind us," Tappmeyer said. "There are teams who have a little bit more of a favorable schedule than us down the stretch."

Northwest got on the three-game winning streak Feb. 2 when the 'Cats defeated Emporia State University, 73-70, and extended it Saturday when they came up with an 81-72 victory over Pittsburg State University.

The road has not been a kind place for MIAA teams to play this season. It has not been good for the Bearcats either. Northwest has won just one game on an opponent's home floor this season. But the Bearcats were looking to add to that number Wednesday in Warrensburg.

"On any given night, they have the potential to be awesome," Tappmeyer said. "Playing at Central is definitely one of the tougher matchups in the league."

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Senior forward Tyrone Brown battles Andrew Spieker of Pittsburg State University for a rebound Saturday. Brown

had a team high of 22 points and six rebounds during the Bearcats 81-72 win over the Gorillas.

## Tracksters qualify for nationals

By JUSTIN BUSH  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Northwest men's and women's track teams continued to improve at the University of Kansas Invitational Saturday, with two members of the women's team qualifying for nationals.

Freshman Jenny Simmons qualified in the pole vault. She cleared a height of 10 feet 2 inches, earning her a second-place finish in the meet.

"I have been blessed with good coaching," Simmons said. "Starting in high school and now in college. I am just going to try to do my best and continue to set personal records for myself."

Simmons continues to please her coaches with her continuous effort and hard work.

"Jenny is one of those athletes that you just love to have as a coach," women's head coach Vicki Wooton said. "She does more than just pole vault. She is also on a couple of the relay teams."

Senior Jill Eppenbaugh was the Bearcats' other national qualifier. Her heave of 47 feet 6 1/2 inches in the weight throw was enough to earn her a second-place finish as well.

Eppenbaugh also received high praise from Wooton.

"Considering the size of the meet, Jill was very happy with her performance," Wooton said. "She continues to work hard and throw well."

The men's team made large improvements over the previous week as well men's coach Rich Alsop said.

The KU Invitational consisted of more than 20 teams, ranging from the junior college level to Division I.

"There are some really fast junior colleges over on the Kansas side," Alsop said. "I think that in big meets like that one, the kids get pumped up. Then they show a lot of support toward each other."

The Bearcats will get their first real look at MIAA conference schools at the Central Missouri State University Relays, which will take place at 10 a.m. Friday in Warrensburg.

"We are really looking forward to the Mules Relays next week," Wooton said. "That will give our teams a good chance to look at the other school in the conference and give us a chance to see what we are up against for the conference championship meet at the end of the month."

## Head of the court and class



### First-year coach motivates Spoofhound basketball team

By MATT SEVART  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

A spark has been lit under the Maryville High School girls' basketball team this season.

The spark is head coach Randy Cook. Cook has given the girls confidence in their game, knowledge of basketball and a start to what looks like a very good program.

Cook, who found Maryville's coaching and teaching job over the internet, has made a big impact on his students and players.

"This season has been a lot better," senior Jennifer Easton said. "We are benefiting from a coach that knows a lot more about basketball and it has helped us out a lot. He has done a good job of getting our confidence up in ourselves, the team and the program."

Cook transferred to Maryville after coaching in Indiana, where he was born and raised. There, he coached high school boys basketball two years, girls basketball four years and baseball five years. However, Cook said the Maryville team is as dedicated as any he

## Girl's get back in winning column

By MATT SEVART  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Being on the road seems to be no problem for the Maryville high school girls' basketball team this season.

The girls are 3-0 in Midland Empire Conference games on the road, but after a home loss against Smithville, the team is still in search of its first conference win at home.

The 'Hounds, sporting a 13-9 overall record, will get the shot for a conference win at home against St. Joseph Benton at 8 p.m. Thursday.

Head coach Randy Cook said Thursday's game will be the perfect opportunity to get things rolling at home.

"For some reason, we are 3-0 in conference on the road and 0-1 at home," Cook said. "We need to change that."

The 'Hounds are not only looking for a conference home win against Benton, but also a chance to redeem themselves after a 45-37 loss earlier in the season to the Cardinals.

"I think this is going to be a heck of a game, but if we do what we need to do we will have no problem," Cook said. "My goal is to hold them to under 40 points, because I don't think we will struggle with scoring over 40 points ourselves."

The 'Hounds had no problem shutting down Chillicothe's offense on Tuesday, allowing the Hornets only 13 points in the second half.

A first quarter 11-6 deficit was all it took to spark the girls, who never looked back and rolled to a 47-30 victory.

"We shut them down at the defensive end and got the ball up the court and inside which is what we needed to do," Cook said. "It was a pretty good effort and a good win at Chillicothe."

After being patient and getting the ball in the paint, sophomore center Erin Lohafer had no problem scoring, draining a game-high 19 points. Junior guard Dana Lade also contributed 14 points, while Lohafer brought down eight rebounds and senior forward Jennifer Easton added seven.

"We struggled early with outside shooting, but we slowed things down and starting working the ball inside and we benefited," Cook said.



Spoofhounds and Warriors scramble to retrieve a loose ball during the matchup between Maryville and Smithville high schools Thursday night. The 'Hounds lost at home and will face the Benton Cardinals in their next contest, at 8 p.m. Thursday, at Maryville High School.

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# Women 'Cats yearning for first conference win

By JUSTIN MCALEER  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Northwest women's basketball team had its chances to snap a 13-game losing streak Wednesday night, but failed to capitalize.

The 'Cats lost a 78-74 decision to Central Missouri State University.

"We have a chance to win against everybody," sophomore forward Kristin Anderson said. "We just have to finish it out."

With Missouri Western State College coming to town at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at Bearcat Arena, the 'Cats are looking for ways to finish what they started.

Against Pittsburg State University Saturday, Northwest came back from 10 points down in the first half to mount a 15-point lead with 15 minutes left to play in the game.

"They continue to surprise me because they have had every chance to get down in the dumps and they went into the Pitt State game, thinking they were the favorites, and at 0-12 that is pretty hard to do and their to lose a 15-point lead on them in the last 15 minutes was really tough on them," head coach Gene Steinmeyer said. "So we have had some good practices and I can see the determination in them not to quit."

Having to play close to 40 minutes once again controlled the tempo of the game for most of the players, Anderson said.

"We just ran out of gas," Anderson said. "We didn't feel like we played as good as we did against Emporia State."

The 'Cats built a nine-point halftime lead against sixth-ranked Emporia State University Feb. 3 only to see it disappear in the final five minutes.

Northwest has seen games slip away with defensive slumps and offensive slumps, sophomore guard Traci Jermaine said.

In the 96-87 loss to Pittsburg State, the 'Cats had four women in double figures. Senior center Denise Sump led the way with 30 points, followed by senior forward Brandi Grigsby-Shannon with 20. Sophomore guard Amanda Winter had 18 and Anderson had 15 points.

Although the 'Cats are 0-13 in the MIAA and 4-17 overall with six games left, they can still make the MIAA conference tournament at the end of the year.

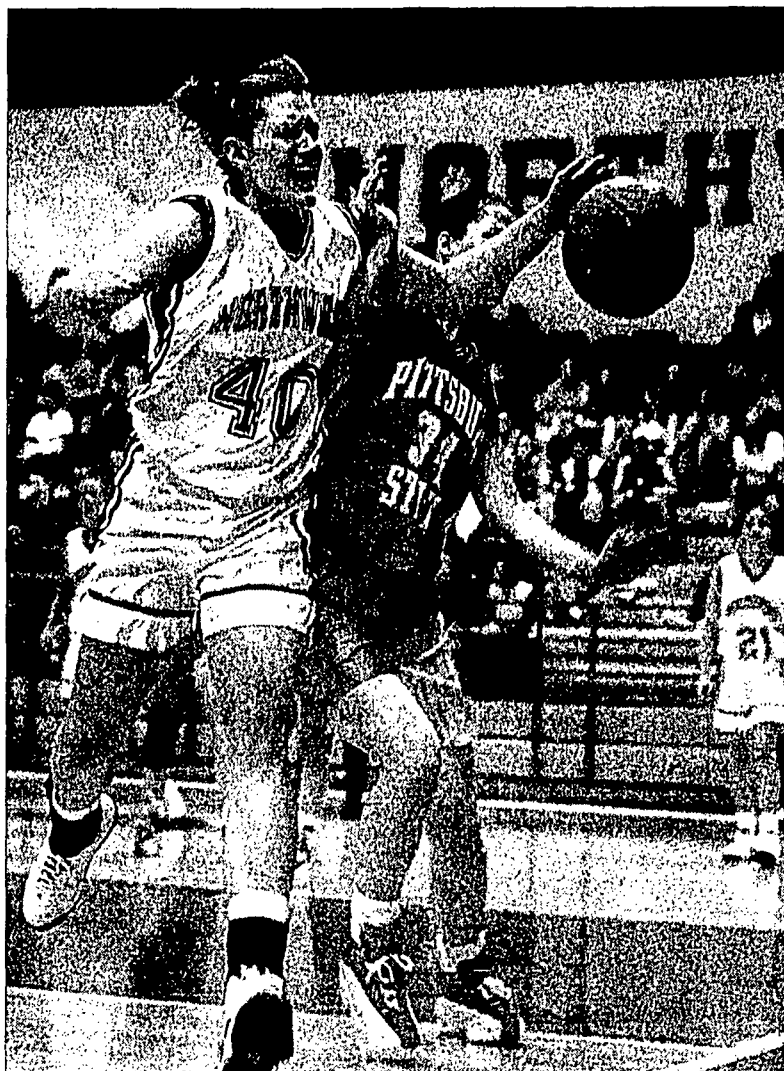
"We're going to have to find energy for these next three games," Jermaine said.

The 'Cats still have their sights set on accomplishing what they set out for at the beginning of the season and have not started to look to next year.

"As long as our goal is in reach, we'll still be trying to achieve it," Anderson said. "If we can win three or four games, we can still make the tournament."

Missouri Western comes into Saturday's matchup at 14-6. Northwest will play Truman State University Wednesday. The Bearcats must be in the top eight of the conference in order to make it to the conference tournament.

"We have to keep going strong," Jermaine said. "We have to keep supporting each other and get a win."



Senior center Denise Sump tries to save to ball from going out of bounds during the first quarter of the Bearcats game against the Pittsburg State University Gorillas. Sump led the 'Cats with 30 points and 10 rebounds in the matchup.

PHOTO BY MICHAELA KANGER/ASSISTANT PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

## MIAA student-athletes join forces for charity

Schools of the MIAA's Student Athlete Advisory Committee are at the core of a conference-wide canned food drive that started Feb. 5 and will end Feb. 19.

Each school has selected at least one organization in its community that the donations will benefit.

Most schools are collecting nonperishable food items.

Northwest M-Club members will be taking donations from fans which will be collected at the men's and women's basketball games against Missouri Western State College Saturday.

Also, each M-Club member will bring an item for donation to their respective coach.

All nonperishables food items will

be donated to the Ministerial Alliance of Maryville.

## 'Cats softball season to start with tournament

The aspirations of repeating as MIAA conference champions will begin Friday and Saturday for the Northwest women's softball team when they compete in the University of Southern Colorado Invitational.

The Bearcats will begin the two-day invitational with three games Friday, starting with Abilene Christian College (Texas) at 8 a.m. followed by a game against Southern Colorado at 10 a.m. The day will end with a game against Lincoln University at 6 p.m.

The outcomes of Friday's games will determine who the 'Cats will play on Saturday.

Head coach Pam Knox said she is optimistic about her team's chances this year as the defending MIAA champions.

"We are ready to get outside and work hard in competing to win our second MIAA championship," Knox said. "We have a solid amount of players returning who want to win."

The 'Cats started practice on Jan. 13 in hopes to get a solid chemistry flowing for a team that is returning 16 players from last year.

## Football team receives recognition for efforts

Awards are still pouring in for the Northwest football team as it received an honorary plaque Sunday from the Missouri Hall of Fame in Springfield.

The plaque was given to the team for winning its second-straight na-

tional championship.

Besides being recognized by the Missouri Hall of Fame, members of the football team who accepted the award got to see several others be inducted into the state's Hall of Fame.

Some of those athletes inducted were retired St. Louis Cardinals and Toronto Blue Jays pitcher Tom Henke, deceased golfer Payne Stewart, former St. Louis University basketball player Bob Ferry, and Southwest Missouri State University women's head coach Cheryl Burnett.

Those who were in attendance for the Bearcats included director of athletics Jim Redd, head coach Mel Tjeerdma, juniors quarterback Travis Miles, wide receivers Tony Miles and J.R. Hill, defensive tackle Brian Schertz, linebacker Wes Simmons, tight end Steve Comer, sophomore center Joe Glab and senior wide receiver Scott Courter.

## Bearcat Women's Softball Schedule

Date	Opponents	Time
Feb. 10-12	University of S. Colorado Invitational	TBA
Feb. 19	Park College	TBA
Feb. 25-26	University of C. Arkansas Spring Clash	TBA
March 3-4	Pittsburg State Invitational	TBA
March 12	Wayne State	2:30 p.m.
March 18-23	Rebel Spring Games	TBA
March 21	Central Missouri State	3 p.m.
March 31-1	Missouri Southern Invitational	TBA
April 1-2	Emporia State	2 p.m.
April 7	Missouri Southern	5 p.m.
April 8	Pittsburg State	12 p.m.
April 10	Truman State	1 p.m.
April 14	University of Missouri-Rolla	2:30 p.m.
April 15	Southwest Baptist	12 p.m.
April 16	Missouri Western	3 p.m.
April 21-22	Missouri Western Invitational	TBA
April 26	Washburn	3 p.m.
May 5-6	MIAA Conference Tournament	TBA
May 12-13	NCAA Regional	TBA
May 18-22	NCAA Finals	TBA

\* Home Games in Bold Type

## Bearcat Men's Baseball Schedule

Date	Opponents	Time
Feb. 25-27	Northwest Missouri Tri TBA	TBA
March 1	Nebraska-Omaha	1 p.m.
March 3-5	SIU Edwardsville Tourn. TBA	TBA
March 8	Nebraska-Omaha	1 p.m.
March 11-12	Northwest Missouri Tri TBA	TBA
March 14	Northwestern Iowa	1 p.m.
March 18	South Dakota State	12 p.m.
March 21	Iowa State	2 p.m.
March 22	Washburn University	12 p.m.
March 25	Missouri Western	12 p.m.
March 26	Emporia State	12 p.m.
March 29	Missouri Western	12 p.m.
April 2	Truman State	1 p.m.
April 4	University of Nebraska	TBA
April 5	Emporia State	1 p.m.
April 8	Missouri Southern	1 p.m.
April 9	Missouri Southern	1 p.m.
April 12	Washburn University	3 p.m.
April 15	Pittsburg State	1 p.m.
April 16	Pittsburg State	1 p.m.
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April 26	Truman State	1 p.m.
April 29	Southwest Baptist	1 p.m.
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May 6	Central Missouri State	1 p.m.
May 7	Central Missouri State	1 p.m.
May 12-14	MIAA Final Four Tourn. TBA	TBA
May 18-20	NCAA Central Regional TBA	TBA

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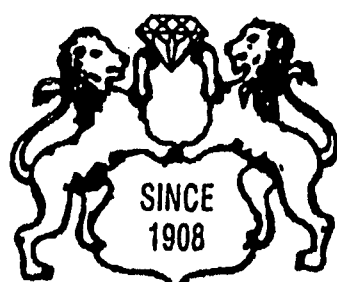
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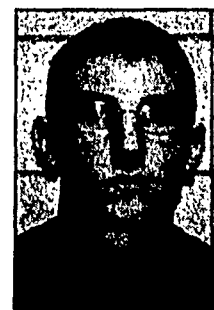
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points and two steals.



Zane Schulte

Spoofhound senior  
guard  
Scored 28 of  
Maryville's 50 points in  
Monday's 52-50  
conference loss to  
Chillicothe.  
Has helped the 'Hounds  
to a 3-1 MEC record.



# Maryville grapplers take second at Districts

By MATT SEVART  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Maryville High School wrestling team went into the district tournament Saturday with 11 wrestlers and came out with a second-place finish, two district champions and nine wrestlers advancing to the sectional tournament.

Maryville took home the tournament gold with 166.5 points followed by Maryville with 119.5 points and close behind, Rockport with 108 points.

Head coach Joe Drake said the team accomplished their goal going into districts.

"We had talked all week about who they had to beat to do well teamwise and for them to do well as individuals, and for the most part we got that taken care of," Drake said. "We beat the kids that we thought we had a chance to beat, so we did pretty well."

The 'Hounds had four wrestlers make it to the championship match and two took home the gold.

Senior Heath Reynolds (145 lb) and freshman Derek Merrill (112 lb) both finished first. Merrill defeated his opponent in a 6-1 decision and Reynolds won a 9-3 decision.

After an early week of light practices, Drake said he is going to step the remaining week up and have the boys in good shape for the sectional tournament.

"The last few days, we have not been real intense in practice,"

Drake said. "We have kind of let them relax a little bit, have some fun, but we still have been maintaining a good atmosphere. Now the next few days we are going to wrestle hard and work on our intensity, the mental aspect of it, and prepare ourselves mentally for this weekend."

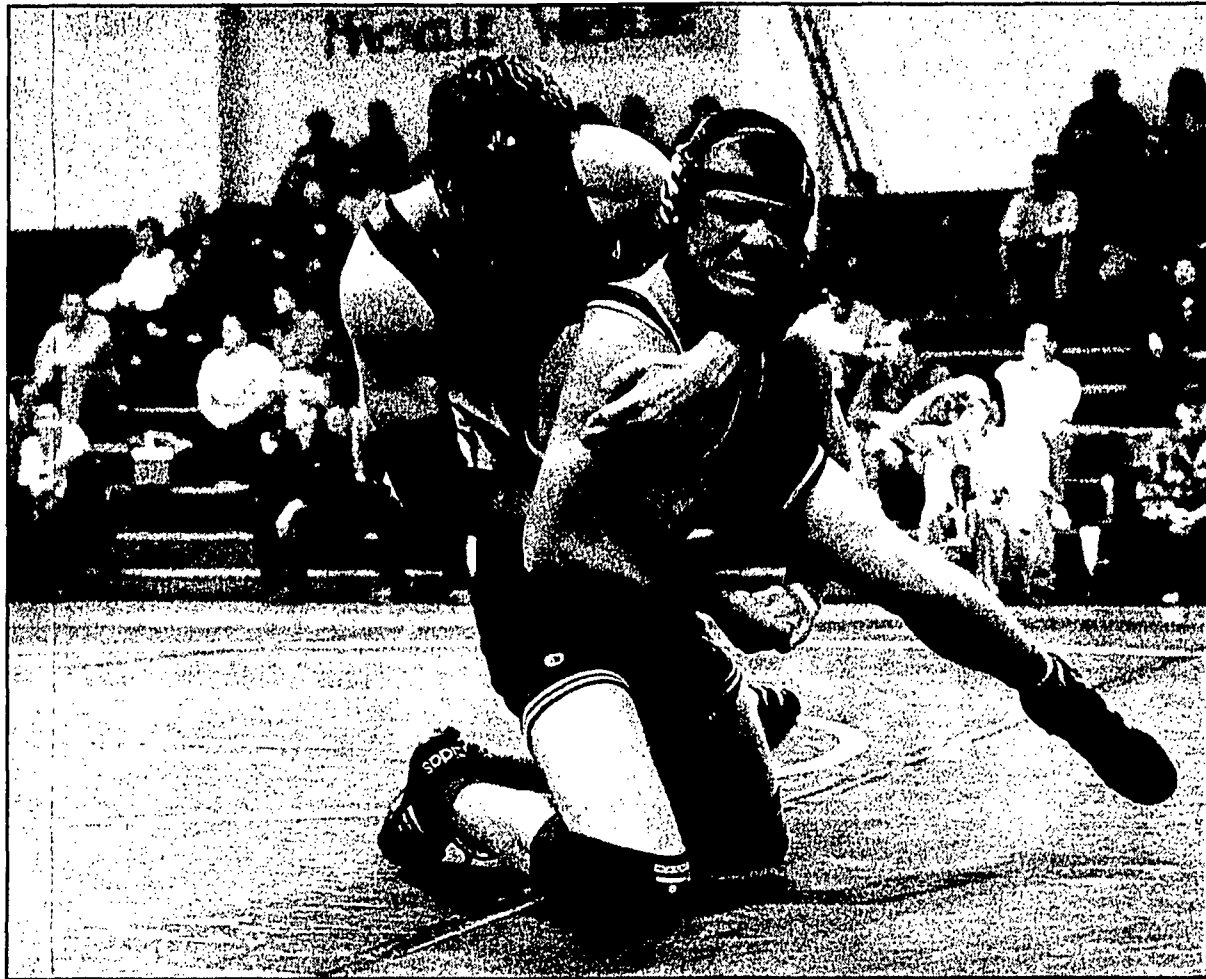
With only the sectional and state tournament left, the mental aspect begins to play a big role Reynolds said.

"You have to think you can beat your opponent and you have to want it," Reynolds said. "You can't think that it is over before you get on the mat. Confidence is a big key right now. This is your last tournament if you don't place."

The sectional tournament will begin at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Maryville High School.

## SPOOFHOUND STATS

- Shane Garnett (103lb) third place
- Derek Merrill (112lb) first place
- Brandon Hull (119lb) third place
- Erik Durey (125lb) third place
- Ryan Donovan (130) second place
- Steve Grovcock (135lb) third place
- Heath Reynolds (145lb) first place
- CJ Messner (157lb) fourth place
- Jake Lancaster (160lb) second place



C.J. Messner (157 lbs.), Maryville, and Eric Bressler, Rock Port, strive to conquer each other during the grapplers district meet on Saturday. Messner went on to place fourth in his

weight class. Maryville placed second overall at the District meet with nine Spoofhound wrestlers qualifying for the sectional tournament Saturday.

## Cagers continue to struggle

By BLAKE DREHLE  
SPORTS EDITOR

With three games remaining for the regular season, Midland Empire Conference play has gotten tight and the Maryville boys' basketball team is right in the thick of the things.

Even though the Spoofhounds, 16-5 overall and 3-1 in the MEC, dropped its first conference game of the year Monday to the Chillicothe Hornets. They will have a chance to redeem themselves at 8 p.m. Thursday against the Benton Cardinals in St. Joseph.

"We are going to make practice short but efficient this week, because this time of the year is where we are going to have to work on all the things we have been struggling on," head coach Mike Kuwitzky said. "But we also need to keep things at a good pace to where players are still having fun and staying fresh."

Benton enters the game wanting to get revenge on the 'Hounds after Maryville defeated the Cardinals by one point in January, but Kuwitzky said the play of his team lately has been encouraging to get the road win.

"They are a tough team and it is a tough atmosphere to play in, but we have done some encouraging things in the last couple of games to look forward to the final stretch of the season," Kuwitzky said.

The aggravations of trying to beat the Chillicothe Hornets continued for the 'Hounds Monday night as the team lost, 52-50.

The Hornets stung Maryville early in the second quarter going on a 10-0 spurt and jumping out to a 21-9 lead.

The 'Hounds did not give up easily and did not let the Hornets have their way like they did in the first meeting between the two teams, edging the score to 27-21 at halftime.

"We were 20 points better than we were there, and after the lopsided loss we had at Chillicothe, we looked at that game and knew we could come into this game and give these guys a run for their money," Kuwitzky said. "Our effort was not a lack of concern because the guys are always going to try their best, it's just executing offensively."

The second half came down to the free throws as the 'Hounds narrowed the score, but could not bank in the shots from the arch.

"The free-throw line hurt us really bad because we tried to hard to make the shots but the players weren't ready mentally," Kuwitzky said.

Senior guard Zane Schulte led all Maryville scorers with 28 points but was 1-8 at the free-throw line while juniors forward Eric Goudge and guard Cody Burch both put up six points.

## Randy Cook

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"One thing I really like about the girls is that they play as hard as any group I have ever been around," Cook said. "As long as they understand what you want them to do, they give it their all and get after it pretty good."

Cook also helps the girls out with their confidence levels.

"The main thing I wanted to teach throughout the year was the mental part of the game," Cook said. "Some of them came in not necessarily believing in themselves the way they should and not as confident as they should be with their basketball skills. I think they developed with that throughout the year and I think they be-

lieve in themselves a little bit more now than they did in November. I think that will help out in the next couple weeks with districts coming up soon."

Cook is enjoying his first year of teaching and coaching but he admits, it can be rather stressful.

"It has been kind of difficult and hectic and, as far as time management goes, trying to fit everything into one schedule," Cook said. "It has also been good and I have enjoyed it. I have some great kids here, not only as basketball players, but in the classroom. They want to do well, and most of the time they are going to try and do what you ask of them."

Randy Cook, head coach of the Spoofhound girls' basketball team, assists the team in a rebounding drill during practice Monday. Cook came to Maryville from Indiana and has led the team to a 13-9 record.

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## Youth wrestling teaches kids work ethic, goals, techniques

By BLAKE DREHLE  
SPORTS EDITOR

As the Maryville High School wrestling season comes to its climax, future grapplers have started to work on their skills of upholding the school's proud tradition.

The youth wrestling program is entering its 26th year under coach Joe Drake and includes 64 grapplers from fourth to eighth grade.

The majority of wrestlers participating in the program are eighth-graders and their knowledge in helping grapplers who are in their first year is of great benefit, Drake said.

Not only do the grapplers compete against each other, but the eighth-graders will clash against opposing schools in interscholastic competition.

"Half of the eighth-graders practicing on the team have been in the program for several years and the objective for them this year is to help the inexperienced as much as possible in learning the basics," Drake said. "This is a good group of wrestlers who are willing to learn and helping teach the younger guys what they have

learned."

As in years past, varsity wrestlers are assisting Drake with the program by helping younger grapplers learn the essential aspects of wrestling. Unlike by years past, the varsity grapplers are giving more one-on-one attention to the younger students.

"At the end of practice I have had the varsity grapplers spend 10-15 minutes to help teach different techniques," Drake said. "I think this is a two-fold helpful way. The first way is that it is teaching the younger wrestlers skills and the second is that it reinforces skills the varsity members need to know and remember."

Having the ability to have coaches and older wrestlers give advice and assist with problems they may have is a benefactor most wrestlers need to have, eighth-grader Joe Drake said.

"It has been a huge help for me to work with the varsity wrestlers one-on-one because I have learned several different things to help me become a better wrestler," Drake said.

Drake said wrestling is a good

way to work hard and achieve goals, not because his father is the coach, but because it is a good way of learning discipline.


"I have been wrestling since I was a young kid and I feel that being in this program is a good opportunity for kids to find out about what wrestling is and what it can do for you," Drake said.

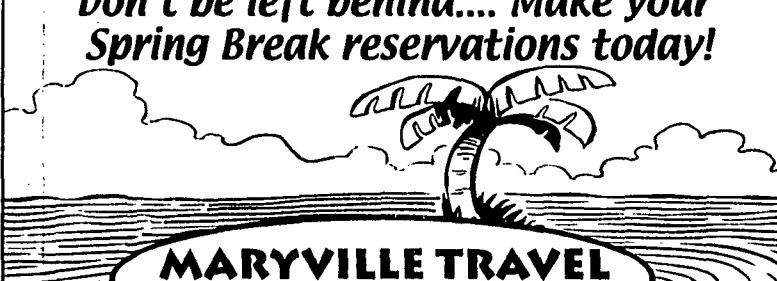
Like most wrestlers who are in the program, first-year grappler, eighth-grader, Nate, Cracraft, said getting the opportunity to learn the sport is an advantage.

"Participating in this program helps me to get in shape and learn the basics of the sport and it helps me get stronger for the sports in high school," Cracraft said.

As in years past, the highlight of the season will be March 3 when the Maryville youth wrestling tournament will be held at Maryville high school.

"I am looking forward to the competitive type nature we will be going up against, but I am especially looking forward to wrestling at home so people of the community won't have to travel far to see us," Cracraft said.

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## Wanderer ponders relationships

Soft music, please. No, pianos. Ahem.

Since we are close to Valentine's Day, I feel like discussing that crazy little thing called love.

Love in college is a very complicated thing, so I'll let you eaves drop on a little conversation I had recently. The names have been changed to protect the innocent — me.

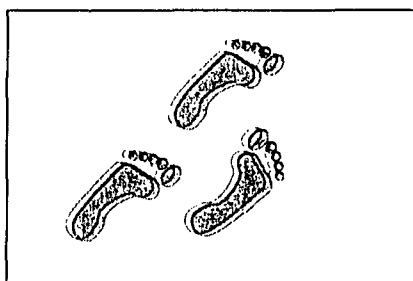
Stroller (to friend): I can't believe it. I'm actually in love.

Friend (choking on beverage): What?

Stroller: There is a (insert gender here) that is the lone star in my sky. (Pronoun) is the essence of everything that is good, making everything around me seem insignificant and blurry. (Person name) dominates my thoughts, my fears, my hopes and dreams. There is nothing that I wouldn't give to be next to (pronoun) for all of eternity. When (human) whispers my name, I feel faint. I could stroll with (Homo sapien) until the end of the road of life.

Friend: Whoa. Are you serious?

Stroller: What? Are you kidding me? I was just pulling your chain. Do you think I'd want to be in a serious relationship? I'm too young to be in love. I have my whole life to live.



THE STROLLER

Friend: Well, you just spoke, so beautifully. You sounded really sincere.

Stroller: Well, maybe I was. There is something about this love I feel that makes the world stop and spin the opposite way. Stars align and planets connect when we're together. (Pronoun) makes me dizzy running circles in my head. Why should I deny what every blood vessel in my body pulsates to? I want to live. I want to love.

Friend: That's incredible. That's probably the most beautiful thing I've ever heard.

Stroller: What, that? I'm just playing with you. Man, you fall for anything. Next I'm going to tell you that the government is using Garrett-

Strong computers to steal nuclear secrets in order to gain world dominance.

Friend: OK, OK. You proved your point. Very funny.

Stroller: But my (significant other) is the one and only for me. I would die just for the chance to be the pen that (pronoun) chews on. Everything becomes focused, my heart sings with joy, and someday, I know I'll get the chance to reach across the aisle, tap (pronoun) on the shoulder and say "Hey! What's up? How was your weekend?"

Friend: You mean, you've never even talked to this person?

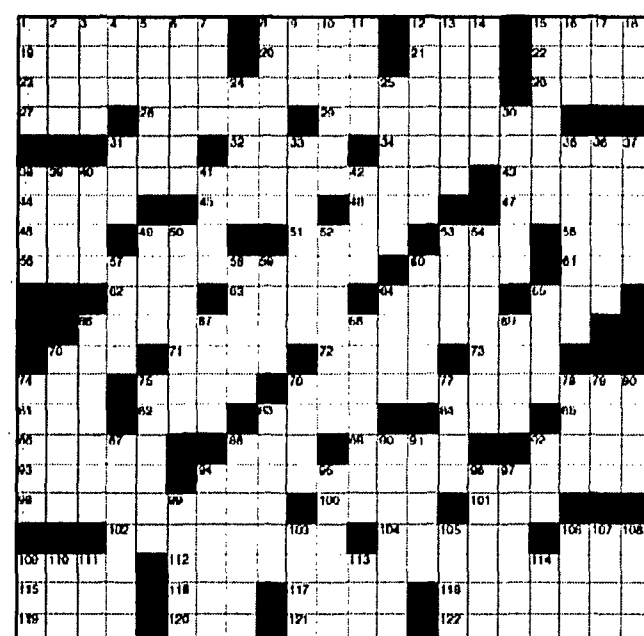
Stroller: (Pronoun) say, "It was fine. I went home to see my (significant other). I drive two hours to see (idiot) every weekend." I'll be crushed. I'll have nothing to live for. Cold and empty, my very soul will slip into depths of depression, and utter loneliness will dominate my every thought and action. Nothing will make sense, and my world will fall apart.

Friend: Are you OK? You look like you're going to cry.

Stroller: Geez, do you believe everything I tell you? Let's go to my house and play video games.

Give your loved one a big smooch from the Stroller.

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**TO THE BOYS OF 126 S. MULBERRY**—Roses are red and so is ketchup! Ha! Love your favorite enemies.

**TO THE GIRLS OF 815 N. MULBERRY**—You guys are the best! Love the greatest roommate in the whole wide world.

**JEB**—I just wanted to tell you that I love you and your bad habits (gambling)! Love Always, Amber

**NIKI, BEAV, ROSA, CINDY**—Thanks for the beer! Love, Johnny Wastetoid

**BOONIE**—The Sigma Kappa girls luv ya!

**TO MY BEAUTIFUL**—You know who you are. Everyday I see you, you amaze me. Happy Valentine's Day.

**ACE**

**DEAR JENNIFER**—Surprise! Laura

**TO BOBBY**

**BEARCAT**—All the strength from your push-ups doesn't equal the warmth in your heart. I love you! From Mrs. Bearcat

**DEAR WIDMER**—We all love you. Happy Valentine's Day! Love Student Pub

**DEAR HEARTLAND**—You guys

rule. Thanks for your hard work and dedication. Love, Jackie

**DEAR JACOB**—I am so lucky to be so in love with my very best friend. I love you.

**I LOVE** my Phi Mu ladies. Love, Jamie L.

**MOM**—I love you and just wanted to tell you that.

**TO ALL THE PHI SIG BOYS**—You are the best! Love, Heather.

**TO MY SUITEMATES**—You're the best! Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Momma Kitty

**BARRY**—Even though we're apart on this day, I will always love you. Stacy

**PHI MU**—Happy Valentine's Day! The men of TKE

**TO ALL THE PHI MU'S**—Much love to ya. Stay sweet as candy. Ripton

**TO THE TWO GUYS** who mean the most to me. You know who you are. Love, Nicky Pick

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY MARK!** Love Jamie.

**MATT**—You are everything to me. I love you. Happy Valentine's Day. Your best friend, Hercules

**TO ALL THE LADIES AT PHI MU**—especially Edith, Happy

Valentine's Day!

**GAVIN**—I love you! Stacy

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY** to all the great

basement dwellers! xoxo Kenwade

**KENWADE**—Thanks for putting up with all the great basement dwellers! You're the greatest!

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**—to all the Phi Mu's.

**MY NICKI**—Where it's at...I got two fat \*#@ and a mouse! Your Beth

**HOLA CASANDRA**—Te amo, por supuesto. Estas listo para una otra ano. Estoy Listo, Chimi

**TO RAINA**—You complete me. How 'bout a date sometime? Love, Timmy.

**TO MY SWEET JEREMY G.**—Happy Anniversary (early)! Can't wait to celebrate many more! I LOVE YOU!!! Love, Jami G.

**CYLE**—Happy Valentine's Day Cutie Patootie! Love ya, Rory

**BRETT**—Have a Happy Valentine's Day. I love you! Promise Promise. Paige.

**TO THE MEN OF KAPPA SIGMA**—Have a very Happy Valentine's Day! Love your sweetheart, Paige.

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY** to all the ladies of Delta Zeta! Delta Zeta love and mine, Emily.

**NIKI, ROSA, TAMMY, AND CINDI**—Happy Valentine's Day!!! Love ya, Beav.

**DEAR SCOTTIE**—I love you 8 million %. Love, Raffle

**JACKIE**—I'm in love with you! Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Jacob.

**ALETA**—Forty years, and every one gets better. Love, Dean.

**TO JON IN PHILIPS**

**HALL**—You're so cute! Secret Admirer.

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY JAMIE**, Ken

**RODNEY**—I love you with all my heart. Happy Valentine's Day. Love Always & Forever, Alisha.

**HEY G-STRING**—Wanna hook-up? Jake.

**TO MY GIRLS IN ROBERTA 330-331**—Your the best! Jamie. P.S. My kids the coolest also!

**TO PRINCESS**—Just thinking of you...love you...miss you, Brat.

**I LOVE YOU** third floor Millikan girls! You gals are the greatest. SS

**SEVART**—You complete me! You're my special boy. Your significant other.

**BETH**—You're Beautiful! Jake

**ANDY V**—Happy Valentine's Day! I love you! Love, Guess Who.

**SARAH**—You say I never send you anything. Well, your wrong. I love you. Ryan

**CHAD**—Hugs & kisses to my one and only. Love always, Andrea.

**MELISSA GAIL**—After 5 1/2 years, you're still the one who completes my life. I will always love you - Kyle.

**THANKS TO SARAH AND SHERYL** for being great room-

mates and Dave and Mary for being great friends! I love you guys! Happy V-Day! Beth.

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY DELTA ZETA!** Love, Melanie.

**BETH**—You rock! I am privileged to know you. Thanks for everything. I love you!

**JACQUE**—Better than midgets. Your all that I love and you still won't bake me a pie! Love Travis.

**THE LAST TWO YEARS** have been great, John. Happy Anniversary! I love you very much! Love Always and forever, Manda.

**TRAVIS**—thanks for being my best buddy. I will love you forever and ever. II Corinthians 13:12. Love, Jamie

**JOSHUA**—thank you for being my best friend. I will be your Valentine if you will be mine. Love, Sarah.

**DEAR MIKE**—always remember that I love you more than I need you and more than I miss you. DeAnna

**D.S.**—Years ago you were my wish come true. Today you are my North Star. Always & Forever, J.R.

**KATI**—All my love, Mark.

**DEBBIE B.**—Please say you'll be mine. Jason M.

**MARY ANNE**—Happy V-Day! Wanda

**JULIE**—Thanks for the good times. Chad, Frank, Mark, Jim, John, Chris, Tim, & Joe.

**MARJIE**—This is just a random way of saying Happy V-Day. Kt.

P.S. Next time the invitation will be written.

**DEAR MIKE**—Will you be mine? From your Mandarin Mistress.

**AMY, LAURA, JAMIE, SARAH, JACKIE, CHRISTINE, CODY, NEAL, KYLA**—Happy Valentine's Day! Just 3 more weeks! Love, Niki.

**ROY, ROY** my red-neck lover boy! Val

**FARLEY**—If you can tell me what type of orange juice isn't so sweet you can be my Valentine! Love me!

**JERRID**—Will you be my Valentine? Love, Jeanne

**HAPPY V-DAY** to all of our Saturday Nights: Joe, Turpin, Kurt, Jake, Mac, & Dirty McGee. Love, The Fearsome Foursome (Cindy, Niki, Beav, & Tammy).

**SEXY HEART DAY** to all you sexy Sigma Kappa's! Love, "The Dove"

**LAURA**, unlike the covers, I'm happy you stole my heart! Elephant Shoes, Stretch.

**TIFFANY**—Will you be my girlfriend? I love you! Love Matt

**TIFF**, ever since you came into my life I have been the happiest person. I love you with all my heart, Jeremiah.

**MARIANNE MILLER**—Thanks for putting up with me no matter what (even if my shoes don't match). You're the best! Love you know who!